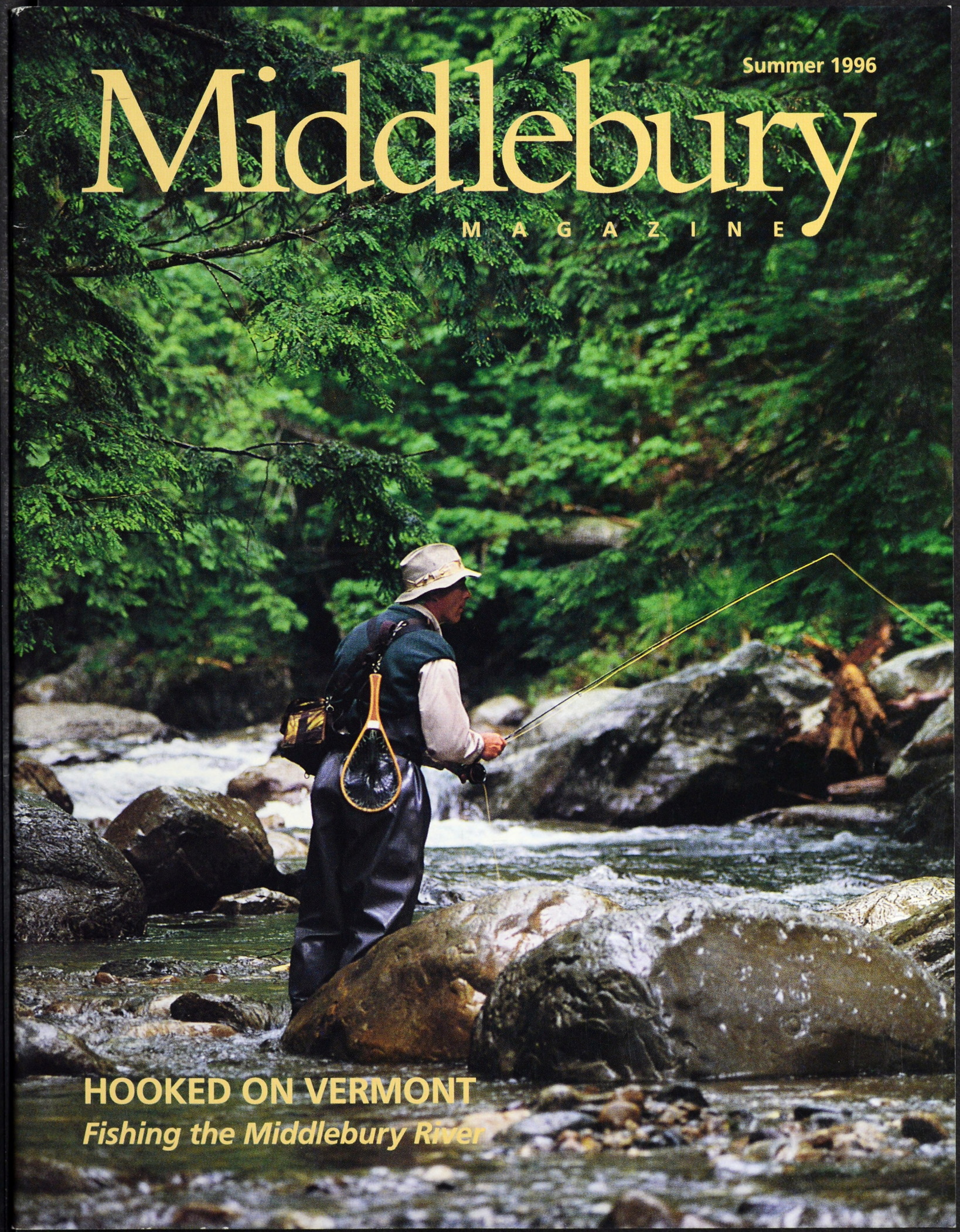
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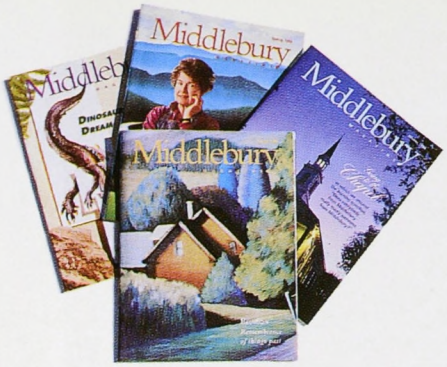

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VIEWFINDER

MIDDLEBURY MAGAZINE RANKED 2ND IN NATION

This spring we were very pleasantly surprised (heck, we were thrilled) to learn that *Middlebury Magazine* had snagged a Silver Award from CASE (Council for the Advancement and Support of Education), ranking it among the top five college magazines in the country. In fact, we shared the second place honors with the wonderful *Dartmouth Magazine*, edited by Jay Heinrichs '77. As if this weren't enough happiness for one poor editor to stand, we received word later that month that in a separate competition *Middlebury Magazine* won a Silver for its World Wide Web site.

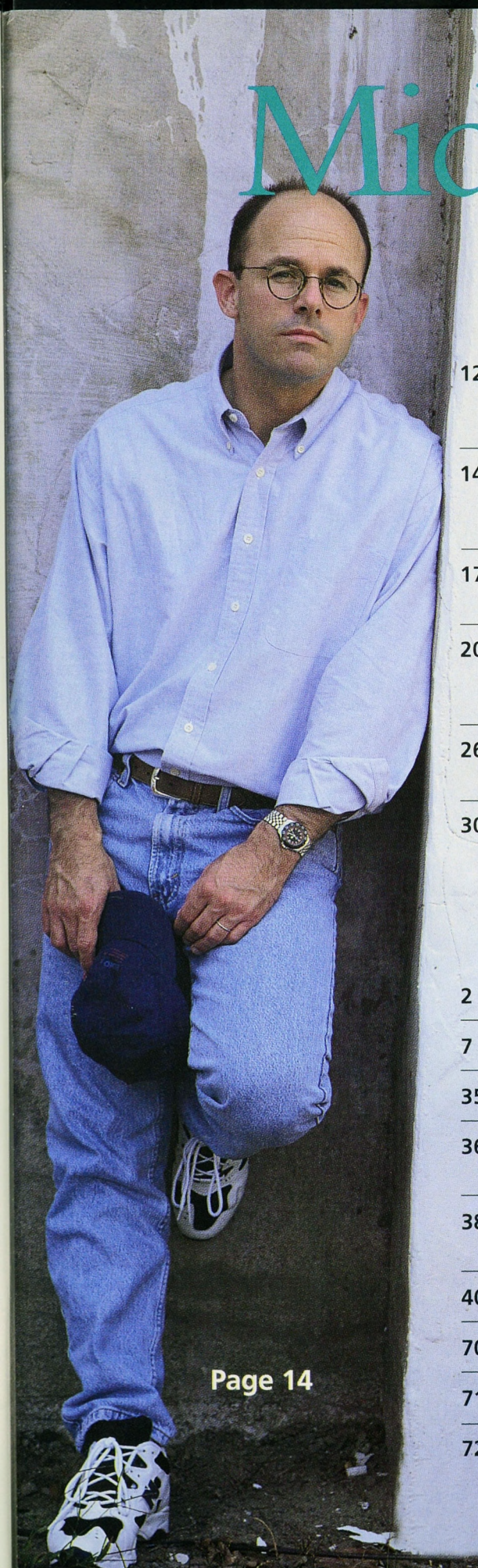
Since this is the closest an editor gets to Oscar night, I'd like to retrieve a few crumpled notes from my jeweled bag, wipe a tear from my eye, and say thanks to the people who made this all possible.

Words being the staff of life (forget what you heard about bread) first acknowledgment goes to Cynthia Baughman, writer and assistant editor of the magazine, who supplied many of these with wit and style, and whose relentless red pencil kept us on the high road of correct grammar, preferred spelling, and the active voice. And speaking of words—Dotty McCarty has certainly written and edited her share. As class notes editor since 1979, Dotty knows more about your lives than you do. Helping Dotty format your lives into approximately 30 pages of class notes each issue is Judy Nelson, who is helping us keep apace of the increasingly technical end of magazine production.

Last but not least, *Middlebury Magazine* would never even have been among the contenders, if it were not an absolutely beautifully designed piece, which it is, thanks to Steve Metzler. Steve, in his other role as director of publications, has championed the magazine and stood firm on upholding high standards for both the words and the design, and he's been supported all the way by our vice president, Will Melton. Without their faith in the staff and their financial support, *Middlebury Magazine* would be just like most other college magazines—simply adequate.

But they wanted more from the College's magazine, and so did the alumni, who spoke their minds a few years ago during Alumni Leadership Conference. Their comments were incorporated into the Becker Study, and that document, along with the advice and encouragement of the wonderful people on the MCAA Board, helped us launch this ambitious new plan for the magazine. Awards are wonderful, and though our peers have judged the magazine to be good, we know it can be even better. But to do that we need to hear from you. This is your magazine and we rely on you to help keep us on target.

So, thank you, all who participated in my first year of this exciting, sometimes harrowing, adventure in publishing at Middlebury. And thank you, readers, who have had such an open heart toward a new venture and such a loyal and abiding love for your college. And what would Oscar night be without final thanks to, who else? Mom. Mine, for being such a good role model; yours, for having the good sense to send you to Middlebury. ■ *RM*



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Salutes West's Skill and Courage

I have never written a letter to the editor in my life, but I could not stand to let Tal Birdsey's letter be the only comment on "Sea Change" by Rachel Morton about Chris West's passage to Antarctica. Unlike Mr. Birdsey, I admire Chris West's accomplishments and I greatly enjoyed the article. I think it's presumptuous of Mr. Birdsey to pass judgment on Chris West on the basis of one magazine article. I don't think Mr. West represented his trip as anything other than the fulfillment of a personal dream, which I believe has value in and of itself. I salute Chris West's success at Digital, but admire even more his decision to walk away from that success and pursue his dream of sailing to Antarctica. How many people would risk leaving such a financially rewarding career in midcourse to follow a personal vision? Anyone who has captained or crewed on a small boat offshore knows how much skill, courage, and fortitude would be required to sail to Antarctica and back. I salute Chris and his accomplishment.

Walter Baetjer '78
Providence, Rhode Island

Lighten up, Tal!

Not everyone is created for "doing something for the world" exactly as Mr. or Mrs. Birdsey would have us do (Letters, spring 1996). Surely being an adventurer who can soar and outdistance most of us is doing something for the world. Our spirits are fed when we read or hear their tales. Lighten up, Tal!

Ellen C. Tillinghast
Shelburne, Vermont

Poignant Prose

Ah, what delicious writing! Kirsten Keppel ('90) can have a few minutes of my time anytime. As one who never finished at Middlebury, I rue the education that I, at the tender age of 19, gave up, and never felt so poignantly as now, when reading the thoughtful, sweet, and wise prose of this young lady who fully experienced, and savored, Middlebury. In Kirsten Keppel, I vicariously experience the Middlebury I touched but never really knew.

Jim Close once of '74
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Reds

I've just completed reading your spring 1996 issue and much enjoyed your piece on Mel Gussow. I also want to note an error in Cynthia Baughman's review of *Touchstones: American Poets on a Favorite Poem*. The quotation about writing, that "It's the easiest thing in the world to do. You just sit down at your desk and open a vein," is not Red Barber's but Red Smith's. Smith was for many years a sports writer and columnist for the New York *Herald Tribune*. Barber was, of course, a sports broadcaster for the Brooklyn Dodgers and later the New York Yankees who achieved another kind of fame with his Friday interviews on NPR's "Morning Edition" with Bob Edwards. Oddly enough both Reds had the same first given name: Walter. Thanks for the good work. You keep my interest in the college much alive.

Eric Horsting '63
Yellow Springs, Ohio

Sig Ep & Ron Brown

Ron [Brown] would have blushed with embarrassment at the quotation in your spring 1996 issue:

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"They wanted Ron so bad they went local." Ron Brown had a remarkable career, actually multiple careers. Ron "made a difference." However, Sig Ep did not "go local" because the fraternity "wanted Ron so bad." We were all young college students, good friends, and pledged the same fraternity . . . not paying attention to whether Sig Ep had or didn't have a white Christian restrictive clause. Sig Ep went local because a group of friends (upper- and lowerclassmen) were not going to have any of our members treated differently than the rest of us. The national fraternity organization advised us not to initiate Ron—have him be a "social member." Ron Brown made history many years later. In the spring of 1959, we were all just good friends. And the friendships have endured.

John Sinclair '62
Springfield, Vermont

Editor's Note: Please see "Class Connection" for additional reminiscences about their classmate Ron Brown by members of the Classes of 1962 and 1963.

Fluff Job on Brown

I read the recent tribute to Commerce Secretary Ron Brown (spring '96) with no little concern. The article failed to mention that Brown's "magnificent life force" was dedicated, among other activities, to the following: During his tenure at Washington law firm Patton, Boggs, and Blow in the early 1980s, Brown was responsible for the client signing of the Sugar Growers of Guatemala, an organization with "family ties to the death squad," as reported by journalist Alexander Cockburn and Ken Silverstein in their new book, *Washington Babylon*. As a Patton, Boggs attorney Brown also represented Haitian dictator Jean-Claude "Baby Doc" Duvalier, defending him against what he called the "unfair image" American media had created of the brutal ruler. Further, he vetoed rulings of his own department, at the expense of small businessmen, in order to save millions of dollars for Tyson Foods, a longtime Arkansas ally of Clinton.

Ron Brown did not deserve the terrible fate which he met on April 3rd. He did break barriers, both at Middlebury and in our nation's capital. He often did work for the greater good of our society, and the well-being of other nations. But as a politician, no matter what Olin Robison says, he could be sadly typical. The fluff job which this magazine has done on Midd's most illustrious Beltway insider is revisionist history on a par with the funeral of Nixon. To show respect for the dead must we always obviate respect for the truth? Brown led a complex life, and some mention of this would have been appropriate. Just

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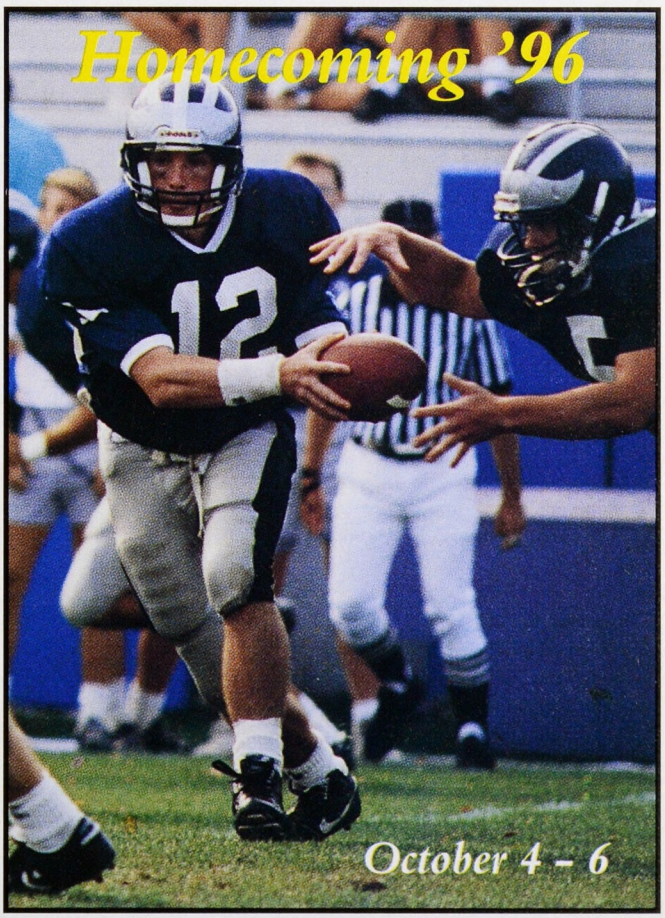

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because a man went to Middlebury does not make him virtuous. Just because a man is dead does not make him a saint.
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Quicker to Heaven

The passing of Sonny Dennis '55 (obituaries, spring 1996) should be recognized by the College on the hill. As John Field '55 said, "Sonny was Middlebury's pride because he was a friend to all, a great athlete, and an ambassador of good will toward all men." He was Middlebury's first All-American basketball player (Tom Hart '56 was the other) who could have played for any school in the country, but his family and Alan Wolfley '45 wanted him to get educated and to play at Midd. He captained the 1955 team and with Tom Hart made it one of the most powerful and respected teams in all of New England. Just as important, Sonny was deeply liked by all–the bonds of fraternity were strong. When three other "brothers" attended Sonny's funeral service, it demonstrated the value of lifelong friendship and the meaning of true brotherhood. Sonny, I am sure, was pleased. Sonny was quick to drive to the basket and even quicker to heaven.
John J. Hoops '56
West Caldwell, New Jersey

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Falling into Spring

"Leaping into spring" on the rear cover of the spring issue evokes the marvelous joy of the out-of-doors. However, as a geologist I've been in the northern woods long enough to assure the readership that the lovely photo was taken sometime between the 15th and the 30th of September.
Tomas Feininger '56
Vieux-Quebec, Canada

Insulting Words

Regarding "'Pounding Out Poetry" (spring '96), when you tell us that "Christian and Islamic fundamentalists share the same position in Baraka's lowerarchy," what is your objective? To insult a portion of the Middlebury alumni who, due to their adherence to the Judeo-Christian ethic that was the foundation of the College, are now politically incorrect? Must you stoop to his level? When you write thus, it is you—a paid representative of our College—who are denigrating the readers who hold those beliefs.
Todd Ellison '77
Durango, Colorado

Culture on Campus

During a February visit to Middlebury, my family and I happened upon the fine exhibit of Albrecht Dürer prints in the Christian A. Johnson Gallery. "Where's Waldo?"asked my 18-year-old son in mock anticipation as he exam-

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TUSKEEGEE AIRMEN: FIGHTING AND WINNING ON TWO FRONTS

An important part of American history strode on campus when three of the black pilots—Tuskegee Airmen—who initially integrated the Army Air Corps came to share their experiences with a Middlebury audience. Their pride in their accomplishments as flyers during World War II and as breakers of racial barriers was evident as they presented facts, figures, and anecdotes.

In what was an awkward, ugly beginning to social progress, the Tuskegee Airmen Experiment, 1941-45, was intended to prove that blacks didn't have the mental capacity to master flying complex military airplanes. Instead, the extraordinary ability of these men won over one white supporter after another and ended by proving that not only were blacks capable of this difficult work, but they excelled at it. By the end of the war in Europe the Tuskegee unit was often specially requested to convoy bombers to Berlin, protecting those still all-white pilots better than any white unit: they never lost a single bomber on those expeditions, although they often encountered hostile antiaircraft fire.

As the War Department contemplated the experiment, it surveyed various possible sites to locate the training facilities. Enter Eleanor Roosevelt. She personally visited the short list, and at a private airfield near Tuskegee, Alabama, where a black instructor was teaching black—and white—people to fly, she asked to go up in the school's small plane with the instructor. The Secret Service did the 1940s version of flipping out, then rushed off to call President Roosevelt to forbid her to go up even as she flew off with the pilot.

"Did she go up?" the President inquired.

"She did," the agents responded.

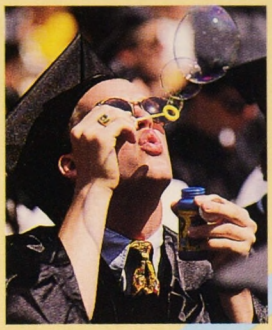
"Then that settles that, doesn't it?" he calmly replied.

The facilities established at Tuskegee trained 450 pilots who went overseas to Europe. Those pilots flew 1,578 missions and 15,533 sorties; 66 died in action; and 33 were shot down, captured, and remained in prison camps until the end of the war. From those roots President Truman went on to integrate fully the military services, based in significant part on the outstanding success of the Tuskegee Airmen.

They were special, these black pioneers. Middlebury met John Roach, who is still flying privately after a long career as a pilot and flight instructor; George Hardy, now retired, who flew 29 combat missions in Italy in World War II, 45 missions in Korea, and 70 missions in Vietnam, winning the Distinguished Flying Cross and a number of other decorations; and William Hart, who trained at Tuskegee, although the war's end meant he didn't go overseas. He went on to raise a family that includes William B. Hart, a faculty member in Middlebury's history department. Others in the unit included Coleman Young, later mayor of Detroit, and men who later trained jet pilots and astronauts, became surgeons and heads of companies. "Not capable?" Hardy kept asking as he named the accomplishments of the Tuskegee Airmen.

As they talked, stories of prejudice and discriminatory laws came out, tales of an ugliness and ignorance that pervaded our country when these men had to fight for recognition and rights. A black student asked, "Do you have any good memories?"

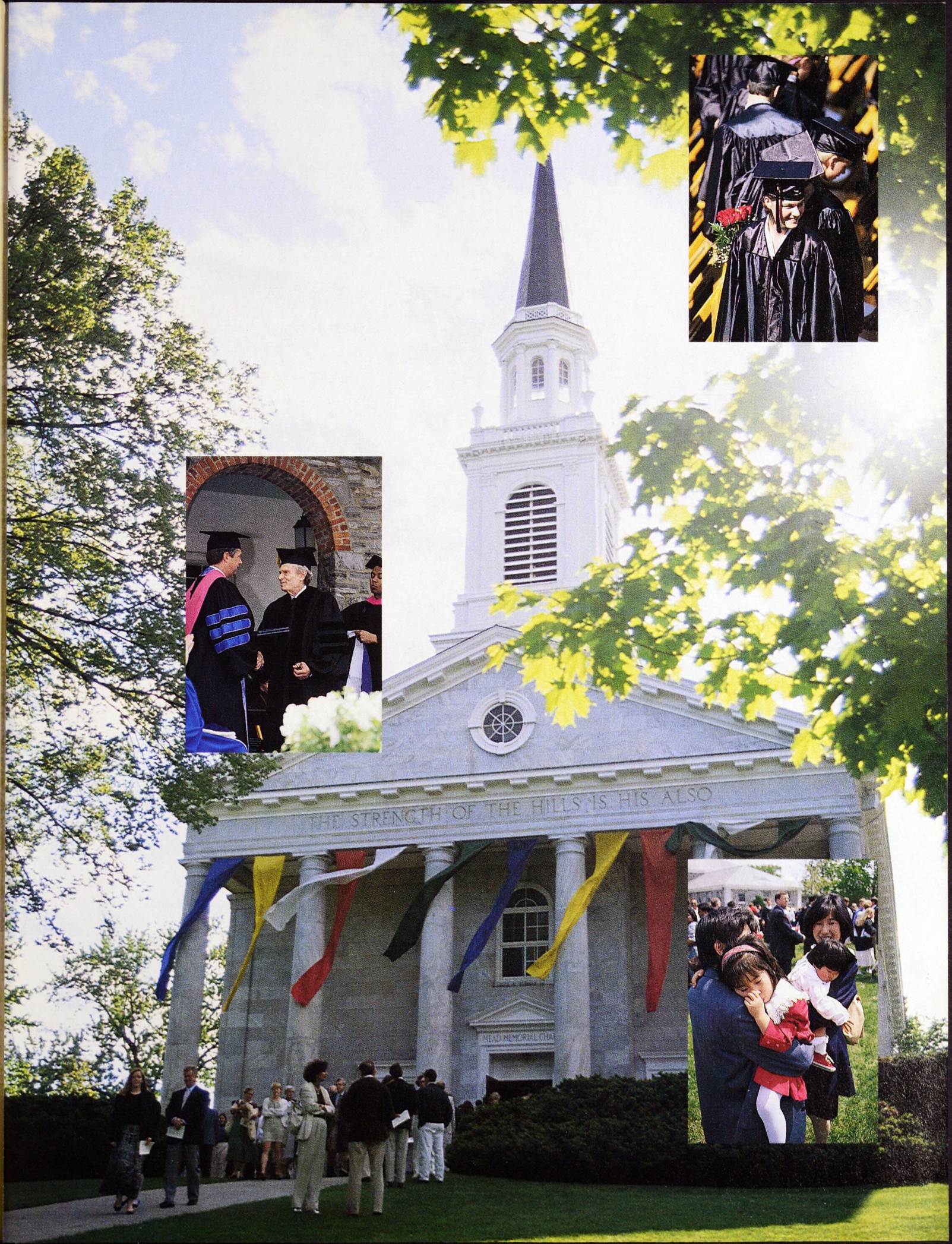
Appearing slightly dumbfounded, Roach, Hardy, and Hart said they had many, many good memories, especially of the camaraderie they experienced during World War II. Echoing one another, each said of being a Tuskegee Airman, "I wouldn't trade it for anything." ■



'96 COMMENCEMENT

Middlebury awarded honorary degrees to Francois Clemmons, Louise Elisabeth Gluck, Paul J. Reiss, Robert P. Youngman '64, Ronald H. Brown '62 (above, his wife and son accept the posthumous award on his behalf), and Aaron Feuerstein (opposite page, center, with President John M. McCardell, Jr., and Vice President Don J. Wyatt).

Be it now known to you, that the College has dignified and graced these students with the title and rank of bachelor of liberal arts. Let the official seal of the College and the President's signature bear witness to this act.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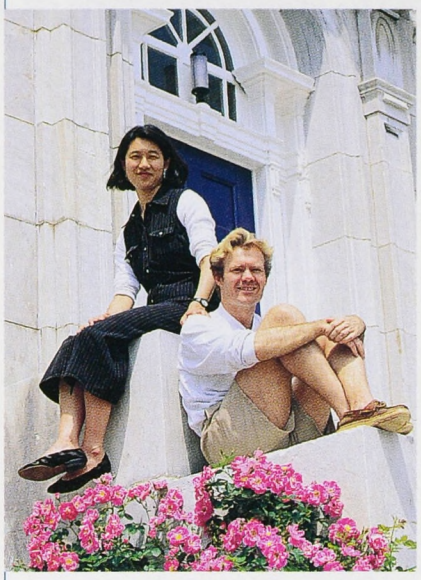

When Boris Yeltsin was elected in July, Bill Powell heaved a sigh of relief. It meant he could now finish his studies at the **Russian Language School**, where he is preparing for a stint as Moscow Bureau chief for *Newsweek*. Powell is on campus learning Russian with 118 other students, including his wife Kamiko Makihara, who is a former correspondent for *Time* in Tokyo.

Though it's far from Christmas, it's hard to refrain from humming after learning that four seniors have been named **Fulbright scholars** and will study in foreign countries over the next two years. Let's see, four Fulbright scholars, three Watson fellows, two hockey triumphs . . . . And a partridge in a pear tree.

In their sports, in their leagues, in their divisions three of Middlebury's coaches garnered **Coach of the Year** honors: Mary Ellen Claffey for swimming, Bill Mandigo for women's hockey, and Mark Smith for alpine skiing. The Institute for International Sport elected men's basketball coach Russ Reilly Sports Ethics Fellow in 1996. Three cheers for these coaches and for the wisdom of those who gave the awards, acknowledging that not only the winning, but the way the winning happens matters.

201 Pearsons must have some special kind of magic. Last year we reported that Mitchell Cohen '82 played, and won, on "Jeopardy." Last month his Pearsons roommate, **Carl Mueller '82,** was a big winner on **"Wheel of Fortune,"** carting home some $84,000 in cash and prizes, including a brand new red Mustang convertible (definitely preferable to the minivan, according to Mueller, who is newly single). Mueller is an actor who does commercials and has appeared as a regular on "One Life to Live," has done guest spots on "Coach" and "L.A. Law," and has hosted "Home"—an ABC segment show about home repair. Mueller also builds fine furniture, which he sells through his own catalog business, Piecemaker Furniture Design.

And as long as the TV was on, perhaps you caught **"The Simpsons"** in April, when a character named Snake robs a bar and as he's leaving says, "Great, now I can pay off my college loan!" He happens to be wearing a Middlebury T-shirt. The Midd Connection: the brother-in-law of John Kirk '86 wrote that episode.

The writing career of **Courtney Palmbush,** who enters Middlebury this fall, began with a bang this summer when *USA Weekend* judged her short story "Atlas" as the best among 5,800 entries from high school students. Palmbush, from Cut Bank, Montana, is looking forward to coming to Middlebury because "it's the best school for writing," and though she's never set foot on campus, she knows the weather won't bother her. "I'm from Montana; I'm really used to cold weather." ■

Photograph of Kamiko Makihara and Bill Powell by Bob Handelman

SEEING HIS WAY TO THE GOLD

Sometimes the motion is the message. **Paul Matteson '96** won a major choreography award at the John F. Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C., for his duet "Seeing Ways," which he performed with Kathleen Kerschbaum, also a senior at Middlebury. Matteson was named Outstanding Student Choreographer by the American College Dance Festival Association (ACDFA) and *Dance Magazine* as part of the Seventh National College Dance Festival.

"Seeing Ways" was one of several finalists selected to travel to Washington from a field of over 70 dances presented at the ACDFA New England regional festival by student choreographers from more than 30 colleges. Another Midd dancer, Lisa Gonzales '93.5, was at the festival representing Ohio State University, where she is doing graduate work.

Audience response to "Seeing Ways" was enthusiastic. Martha Myers, dean of the American Dance Festival at Duke University, requested a video of Matteson's duet to use in her "choreolabs," workshops she teaches nationally and internationally showcasing work by up-and-coming young artists. Middlebury faculty members Penny Campbell and Peter Schmitz accompanied Paul and Kate on their triumphant visit to Washington. ■

Choreographer Paul Matteson danced with Kathleen Kerschbaum at the Kennedy Center in his award-winning "Seeing Ways."

Photograph by Erik Borg

Middlebury MAGAZINE On-line

In a national competition of Web sites, *Middlebury Magazine On-line* nabbed a Silver Award this spring. With its quick loading, high-impact drawings and brief, humorous text, it has appealed to both the 100-200 alums who hit on it every day and those outside the College community, who have found it entertaining and easy to use. Judges in the competition said that *Middlebury Magazine On-line* was "a fine example of how to do a magazine on the Web," and noted that the graphics and well-written articles were particularly appropriate for the new technology.

Being a leader in information technology is nothing new for Middlebury. With Eric Davis at the helm, the College has been forging ahead with universal Internet access, including from residence halls. Departments are establishing home pages, previously print publications like the beloved "Faculty Faces" and "New Faces" are now, or will soon be, on-line. The entire course catalog is on the Web, and very soon students will be able not only to browse the catalog from the comfort of their own computers, but also register for courses at the same time.

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Rich Wolfson turns students on to science

By Marcella Klicova '99 and Rachel Morton

Winston Churchill once said that the three most difficult things in life are: 1. to climb a wall that's leaning toward you, 2. to kiss a girl who's leaning away from you, and 3. to make an after-dinner speech.

Churchill forgot number four: 4. to make physics exciting to large numbers of perhaps uninterested students first thing in the morning.

How does Rich Wolfson do it? The large lecture hall in the Science Center fills up for each of his classes, no matter how early in the morning. And at the end of class, sometimes students burst into spontaneous applause. He has a fervent and devoted following of current students and alumni whose college majors have been changed, whose careers have been formed by this charismatic teacher. Wolfson's reputation as a teacher has traveled beyond the Middlebury community, and his lectures have been filmed and audiotaped for a company that produces what they call "Greatest Lectures" by some of America's best teachers.

"Even if you always thought you were indifferent to physics, you won't be after hearing Rich Wolfson lecture. This is guaranteed," Josh Norcross '98 declared. "One of the major reasons I decided to major in physics was Rich Wolfson's Physics 110 class."

And, if by chance, you are one of the few who would rather snooze than join him and the class on this exciting adventure into science, then you're in the wrong class, friend.

"There is no sleeping, not even spacing out, during his lectures. He runs back and forth, turns the light switches on and off, anything to make us relate to the problems that he lectures on," says Marcella Klicova '99, who changed her major to environmental studies because of Wolfson's course.

"I was in the second row," says another. "In the second row he was in your face. Waving his hands, walking around. He keeps eye contact with an amazing number of people."

Though his presence is commanding, he's not intimidating. "Even though it's a huge lecture class, it's natural to ask questions," Klicova says. "You don't feel you are interrupting. Even if you ask stupid questions, he says, 'good question.'"

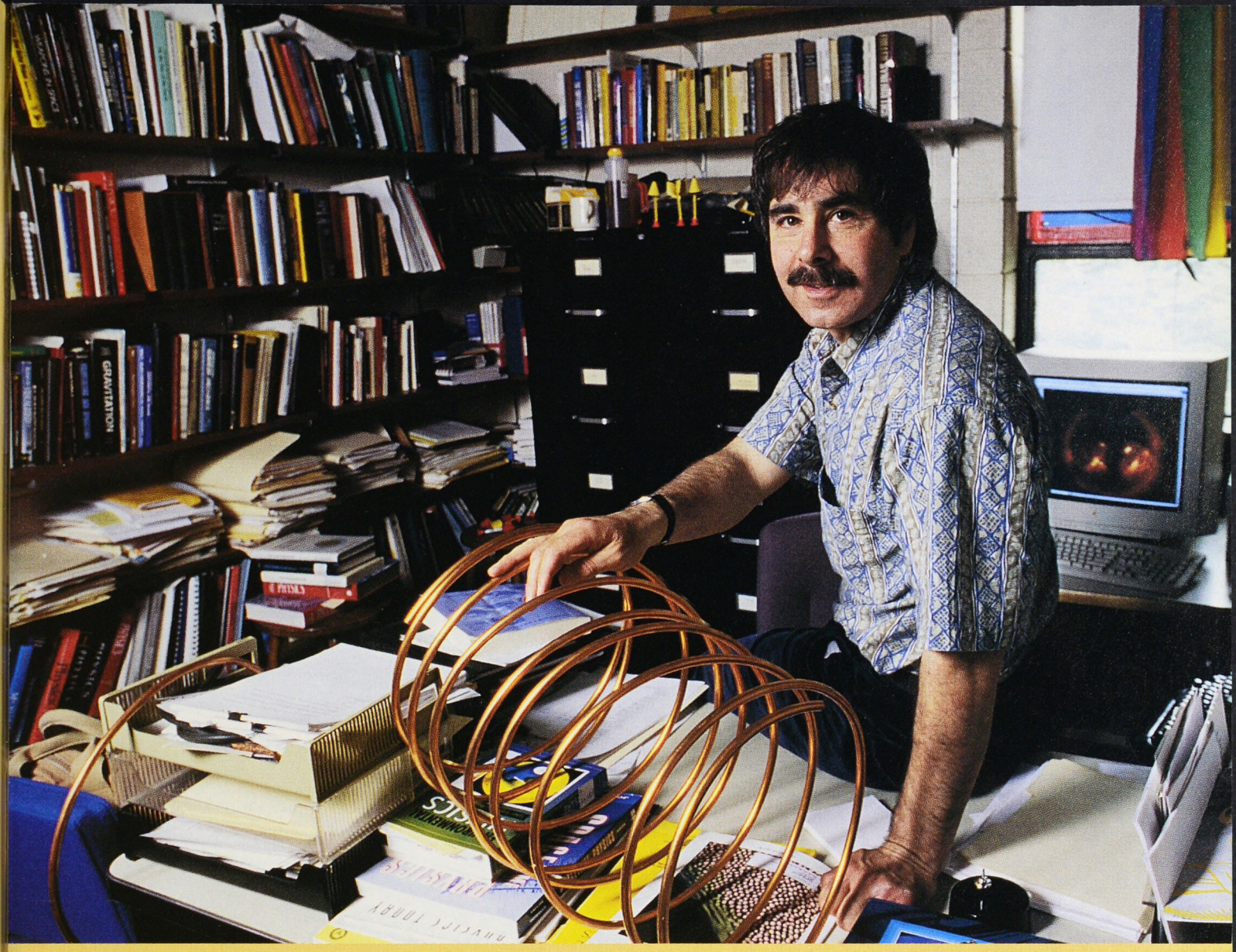
Sherry Pelkey Roper '92 took Physics 101 her first year and remembers, "You didn't want to doze off in that class or you'd get a ball in the head!" She laughs, "He'd throw balls out into the audience to demonstrate different physics principles. Or suddenly jump up onto the table to demonstrate something about gravity. The tempo—his pace was fast, active. It kept you engaged."

Ask Rich Wolfson about his renowned teaching style and he'll remember one of his first jobs, teaching ninth graders.

"I sat behind a desk in front of 30 fidgeting ninth graders, and I did not move the whole period. I just sat there and lectured. In one day I learned a lesson—never to sit still in the classroom. Be dynamic, say things in many different ways, students are different and they perceive and learn differently; if it doesn't work one way, perhaps it'll work some other way."

But he's quick to point out that there are lots of different ways to be a good teacher, and that often people put too much stock in performing in front of the class. "Not everybody has to do that." He advises young teachers, "Don't copy the good professors you see, but try to grasp why it works for them and develop your own style consistent with your own personality."

Wolfson developed his career as a scholar very much in his own style. He began at MIT but rebelled against "all these science people" and transferred to Swarthmore, where he majored in physics and philosophy. He got his master's at the University of Michigan in environmental studies, writing his thesis on environmental ethics, and later went on



Rich Wolfson educates, entertains, and inspires students as he teaches simple and miraculous science.

to Dartmouth, where he received his doctorate. Wolfson has been teaching at Middlebury for 20 years, both introductory and advanced physics courses, as well as courses in environmental studies.

If you ask Wolfson why liberal arts graduates should know about science—about the environment—he'll answer immediately: "The basic principles of nature have many applications, both practical and philosophical. This is a technological society; we need to understand how our technology works and how it affects us and our environment. What are most of the books we read in the humanities about? The human condition. Part of the human condition is our physical environment; we're made of stuff that was formed inside the stars."

Wolfson finds that over the years students have become more—not less—interested in their studies, and more interested in philosophical than materialistic issues. This perception may be due in part to his uncanny ability to understand the levels on which students operate, and his ability to communicate to them the most complex concepts, simply and passionately.

"Professor Wolfson showed me, and the whole class, that a battle for the environment is not necessarily a lost one," says Klicova. "He presented global issues in a local light. He got us to understand how everyday actions like turning on a light affect the amount of carbon dioxide emitted by power plants. We then see our own role in the problem of global warming."

"Science gives you a better understanding of the universe," Wolfson says, "almost a religious appreciation. It's very simple, thus, very miraculous." ■

Marcella Klicova '99, an environmental studies major from the Czech Republic, is one of Rich Wolfson's students.

Photograph by Owen Stayner

"Hope" for TV

John Tinker '81 adds intelligence to prime time

By Sam Silverstein

John Tinker won't take the bait. In the past year, *Time* magazine and the *New York Times,* among other cultural barometers, have speculated that a new Golden Age of television is afoot. Intelligent prime-time dramas such as "Chicago Hope"—of which Tinker is the executive producer—"NYPD Blue," "Murder One," and "ER" were listed as evidence to support the theory.

Asked if he agrees, however, Tinker equivocates. "Television is cyclical," he shrugs, and basically leaves it at that. Perhaps Tinker is apprehensive about the new Golden Age theory for fear of coming across as patting himself on the back. "Chicago Hope" is CBS's highest rated drama and solidly among the top 20 in all of television. Or perhaps he's wary of offending his father, legendary producer (and former NBC chairman) Grant Tinker, who created "The Mary Tyler Moore Show," "Lou Grant," and "Hill Street Blues," among other landmark programs of the last three decades.

Grant might beg to differ with the opinion that television is just now reaching its creative stride. John will admit this, however, about contemporary prime-time television: The pace has picked up, both visually and narratively. From 1981 through 1987, Tinker was a story editor and producer for "St. Elsewhere," a critically beloved hospital drama that was poised at the very edge of the envelope at the time.

Now, when Tinker comes across an episode of "St. Elsewhere" in syndication, the show is noticeably dated. "What we thought were funny in-jokes that people who followed the show would love are really stupid and lame," he says. "The viewers are so sophisticated now, it's becoming more difficult to create interesting television."

The job requires creativity, resourcefulness—and loads of elbow grease. "Chicago Hope"'s production schedule runs virtually year-round. Tinker and his staff of writers begin generating scripts each June; shooting starts in July and wraps up the following April. Tinker compounds the demands on his time by commuting between his two children in New York and the 20th Century Fox soundstage at which "Chicago Hope" is housed in Los Angeles. "From the moment I hit the plane in New York, I'm writing," he says. "Because of the production schedule and how quickly the material is consumed and aired, it doesn't matter how early you start. It just keeps bearing down on you."

The title "executive producer" translates into layman's terms as "the guy who gets blamed for everything," Tinker says with a chuckle. More specifically, Tinker makes the final call on scripts, edits, set design, casting—and virtually every other task involved in delivering "Chicago Hope" to an estimated 18-20 million people every Monday night at 10 p.m.

Tinker and "Chicago Hope"'s four staff writers do the bulk of their work seated on couches in his utilitarian office. Housed in a building that, according to legend, once was Shirley Temple's school house, "Chicago Hope"'s HQ has a transient feel. Items on the white-washed walls of Tinker's own space—finger paintings done by his children, a whiteboard with an entire season of "Chicago Hope" plots sketched in erasable ink—are affixed with push pins, not nails.

"Glamorous, huh?" Tinker says with a sweep of his hand.

For the time being, however, there's no place he'd rather be. "If you're really fortunate at what you do," Tinker says, "you're doing a good job and you're having fun."

Though an English major at Middlebury, Tinker didn't consciously point toward becoming a writer until after graduation in 1981. While in school, Tinker's interest in the family business—television—took a back seat at that time to law enforcement. His first year on

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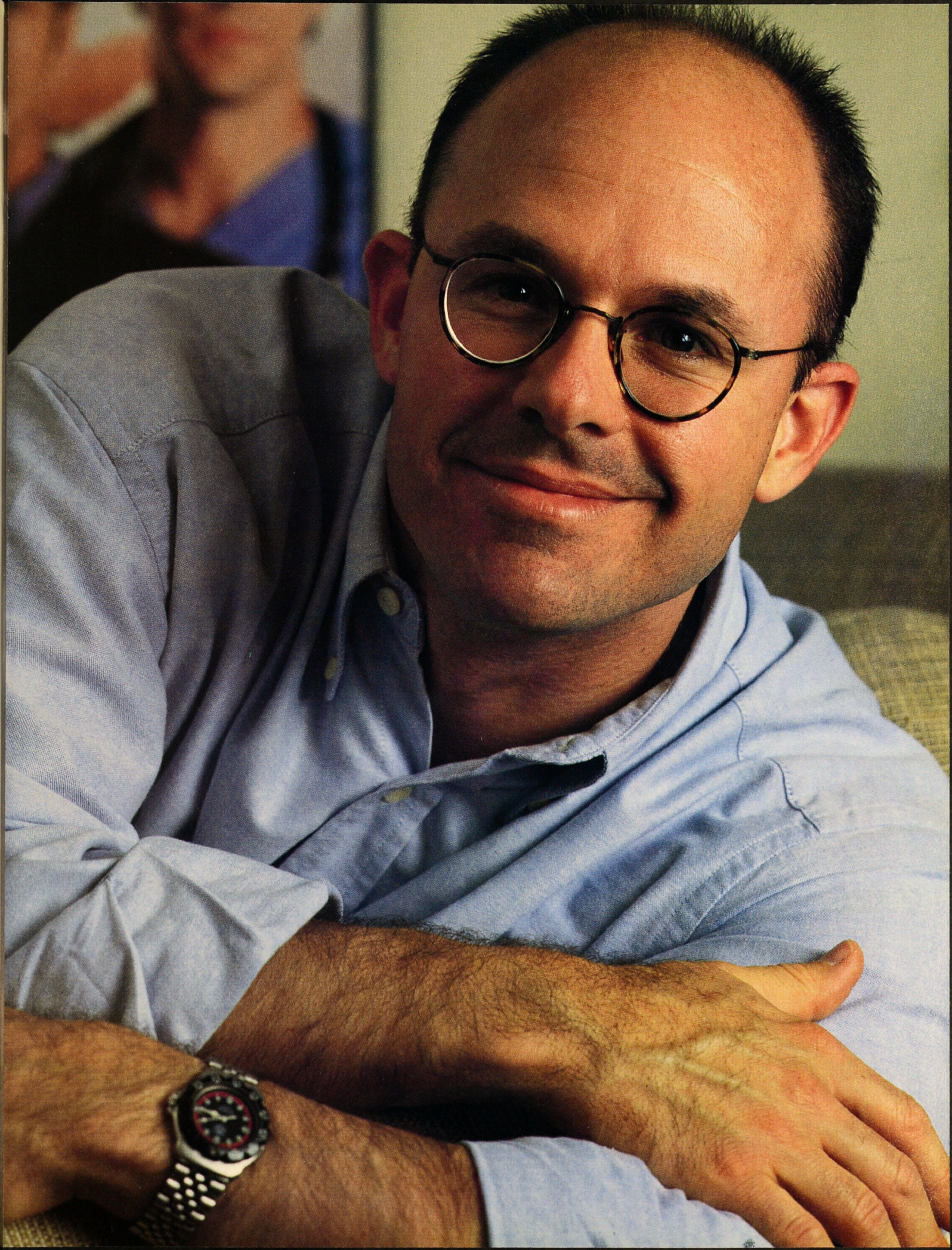

campus, Tinker founded the Student Auxiliary Safety Patrol program in which students participated in campus security. His sophomore year, Tinker commuted from Middlebury to Ludlow every night to attended the Vermont state police academy. Junior and senior year, Tinker was an auxiliary Vermont state trooper. "I would finish classes," he says, "then meet my partner and stay up to 2 or 3 in the morning, copping around."

Toward the end of senior year, Tinker decided to take a different tack. He married classmate Jennifer Gluck the Sunday following graduation, and they moved together to Los Angeles a week later. Tinker's first paid job in the industry was as a gopher on "Knot's Landing." Not that Tinker was a total neophyte in the industry. While in high school, he visited his father (then married to Mary Tyler Moore) each summer in Los Angeles and had behind-the-scenes access to some of the most popular shows on television.

"It was an incredible privilege and good fortune to be on that lot," Tinker says. "You had 'The Mary Tyler Moore Show,' 'Bob Newhart,' 'Rhoda' . . . really wonderfully made television by some of the most talented people in Hollywood at the time."

From the advent of his own career, Tinker has been associated with intelligent television. In 1981, Tinker caught on as a writer for "St. Elsewhere," a hard-to-pigeonhole program that afforded its architects unprecedented room to roam. Though plot lines lingered soap-opera-like from episode to episode, "St. Elsewhere" stood apart from popular prime-time soaps such as "Dallas" and "Knot's Landing" in its complexity. "St. Elsewhere"'s denizens messed up, repented, made amusing and odd decisions; their lives were familiar in their haphazardness. The show struck a chord.

"Our numbers were never anything to crow about," Tinker says, "but the fans who did watch us were rabid." After "St. Elsewhere" fell prey to a fictional wrecking ball in 1987, Tinker produced a series of heartfelt failures. First was "Tattinger's," a drama centered around a big-hearted Manhattan restaurateur; it lasted five episodes. Next were close-but-no-cigar pilots for shows about high school ("a little dark," Tinker says), presidential speech writers ("maybe a little arcane"), and a vengeful corporate executive. A one-year writing hitch with "L.A. Law," and a drama, "The Road Home," based on a shrimper and his family, followed. "The Road Home" aired six times on CBS and was not renewed. When Tinker got a call from "Chicago Hope" creator David Kelley in 1994, he seized the chance to return to high-brow hospital drama.

"There are a limited number of scenarios that really work," Tinker says. "Lawyers. Doctors. Cops. It's tougher to get an audience to sit down and watch shrimpers."

When Kelley stepped down as the show's executive producer in May 1995, Tinker was promoted to the position. "Chicago Hope" has since survived the departure of star Mandy Patinkin and been renewed for next season.

"We're finding our feet," Tinker says. "I'm extremely excited about next year. I think we're really getting into a rhythm."

Like "St. Elsewhere," "Chicago Hope" often is cited by critics as evidence that watching television need not turn viewers' brains to mush. The show features complex characters, prickly subject matter, and a distinct visual style.

"We're now solidly into generations that've grown up with television," Tinker says. "You have to give the viewer a script that's sophisticated, and it has to be directed that way and scored that way."

A central premise of the new Golden Age theory is that television has surpassed feature films as the more cerebral medium. With movie budgets routinely topping the $30-million mark, film studios inevitably play it safe. Television is more immediate, less fussed over ("potchkied with" is Tinker's term). Writing is at a premium.

"I think you can find wonderful writers and say to them, 'Here's an hour of television set in a hospital. Is there anything you'd like to say?'" Tinker says. "[In television] there's not enough time for people to screw around. It's a very gratifying form. You write it, you shoot it, it's on." ■

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All Work & All Play

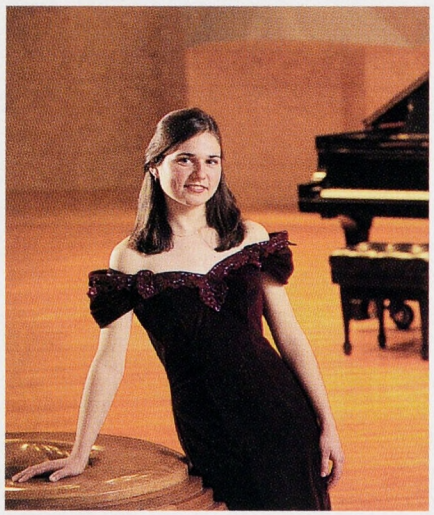
Andrea Lally's composition of a college career

By Cynthia Baughman

Blinking a little at the bright lights, Andrea Lally '96 walked slightly behind her piano partner, Alice Chen, as they stepped onto the stage. They were stunning in identical long, burgundy velvet, off-shoulder dresses with sparkles on the bodice and thigh-high slits up one side. They were even more stunning as they covered the Steinway grand keyboards with complementary, dense, and dramatic swirls of music or, indeed, played as one, which is their goal as a duo, when a movement came to a simple resolution.

The two women played together for two years at Middlebury, and their relationship as people and as musicians comes through loud and clear. In a glorious summation of their partnership they presented a spring recital in the Concert Hall of the Center for the Arts, playing pieces by Sergei Rachmaninoff.

After performing *Suite No. 2, Opus 17,* Lally and Chen took a bow, seeming to focus more on matching the duration and angles of incline than on the applause. But after they played the movements from *Fantasia, Suite No. 1, Opus 5,* they received the concluding cheers and standing ovation of their audience—students, family, faculty, and



members of the community—with big grins and walked off the stage holding hands.

But this isn't a story about one of Middlebury's student musicians. The spring recital provided the capstone only to what Andrea Lally did in her *spare* time at the College. What she spent most of her time on was her work as a double major in history and German. In addition to the double major and studying piano all four years at the College (practicing two or three hours daily), she played rugby, skated in the Winter Carnival ice show, played violin in the College Orchestra, and had her own classical music program on WRMC, Middlebury's radio station.

Many students fill their lives with activity. What is unusual about this young woman is the remarkable level of her performance in so many areas and the way she integrated her studies and her avocations, each adding value to the others.

Marjorie Lamberti, Charles A. Dana Professor in history and Lally's thesis adviser, initially worried a little about the student's commitments to both music and history. "She told me privately about her schedule of recitals, and I could see she was taking on an ambitious set of goals."

Lally's thesis, an outstanding piece of work according to Lamberti, is titled "Heinrich von Treitschke: The Development of a 'Liberal' Historian in Imperial Germany." The student examined this member of the *Bildungsbürgertum* (educated elite) who was a historian, professor, and politician and explored why he rejected his Saxon roots and developed pro-Prussian loyalties to the authoritarian Bismarck. The student also looked at whether von Treitschke was the exception or the norm, how German nationalism arose during the 19th century, and how intellectuals entered politics so forcefully during that period.

"Very quickly Andrea posed extremely keen, intuitive questions about his formative years," says

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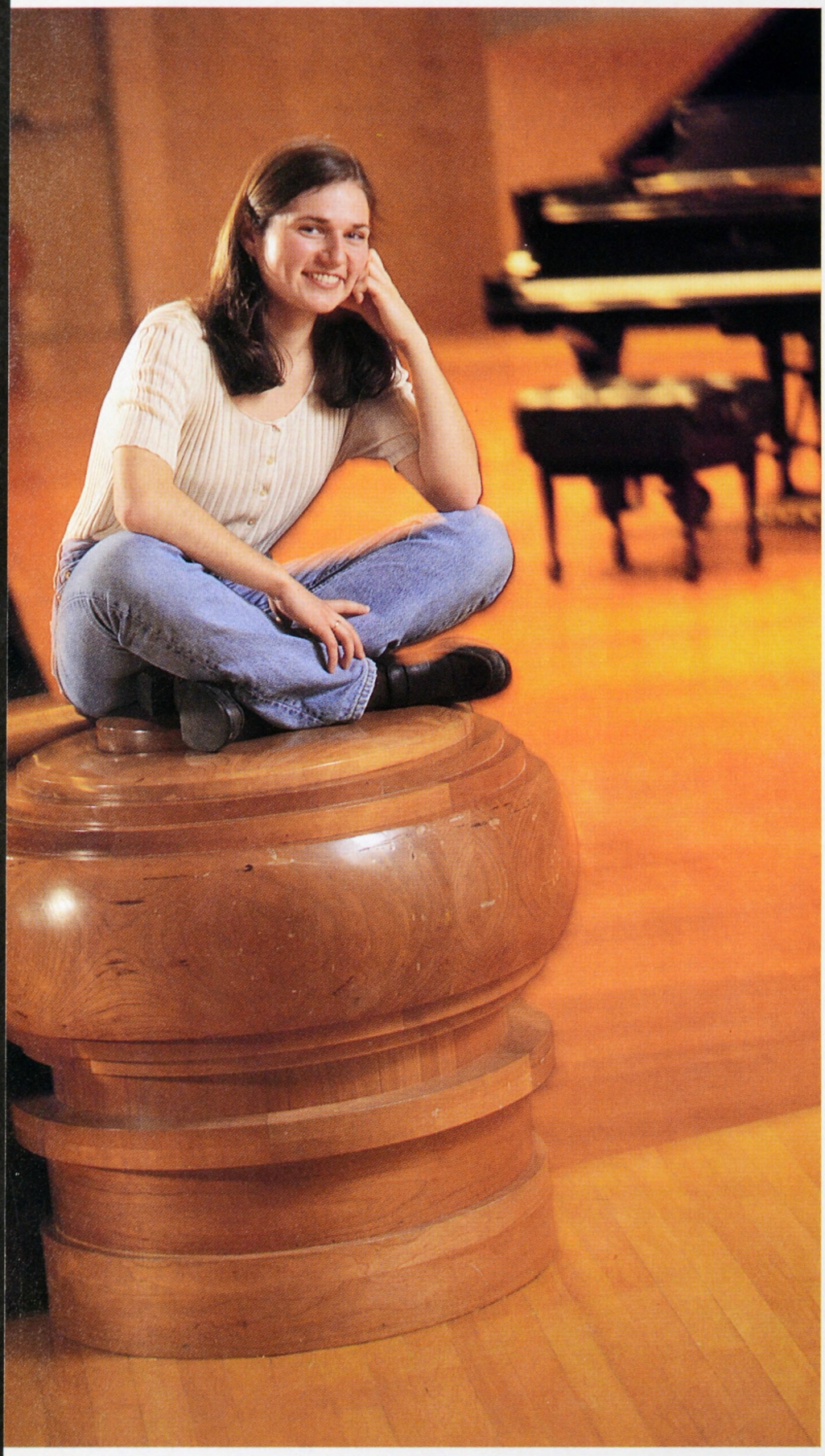

Andrea Lally in the Concert Hall of Middlebury's Center for the Arts

Lamberti. "The section of the thesis dealing with this is quite fresh. Parts of her thesis are original—and I use that word carefully."

Reflecting on the benefits of her other major, German, Lally notes the importance of being able to read original sources for her thesis. She spent the spring term of 1995 at Johannes Gutenberg Universität in Mainz at the Middlebury School Abroad. When she returned to her senior year and her history thesis, she found that she had experienced some of the subject matter she would write about, e.g., how German students are so strongly influenced by their professors, the approach to education, and the approach to history that revolves around the diplomatic past rather than societal context and personal factors.

"In the end it wasn't even the end product that mattered, just the whole process of investigating theories. It was exciting," says Lally.

One part of the excitement was working with Lamberti. "She's so careful, so precise down to the minutest detail," says the student, "and she's *so* knowledgeable, especially about Germany and this period. She pushed me to my limits, but she's flexible. She gives you advice allowing you to maintain your freedom. She left it up to me to discover, while she gave me encouragement to use my own thoughts and ideas. She's so dedicated, and not just to history—to teaching."

"She permitted me to learn," says Lamberti. "The senior thesis is one of the joys of teaching. You're working professionally, exploring questions on a level you don't reach in other courses. We did a lot of brainstorming during our meetings. Often you can tease ideas out of students. By questions you can lead students to formulate their arguments with more self-confidence, more authority. I think, pedagogically, that's what a teacher should do."

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Another who seemed to tease the best out of Lally is Natasha Koval-Paden, a member of Middlebury's applied music faculty who teaches piano. "Let me put all sorts of adjectives to describe her," says the native of Odessa who was a child prodigy in Ukraine and studied under Vladimir Horowitz's sister. "She is developing into a lovely artist—whether it is solving a technical problem or with her interpretive thought. She has a lot of promise to her. It has been sheer joy," says the teacher in her thickly accented English.

Both teachers see the contribution of the other's field to the work produced for each of them. "She has a wonderful, wonderful intelligence," says Koval-Paden. "Musicians cannot be musicians without being educated minds. Her heart and her head—and her muscles—all work together."

Lamberti reflects, "Her training in music has given her an ability to concentrate intellectually and emotionally. She has creativity, imagination, and intuition, along with intellectual discipline."

Discipline rests at the core of a lot of Lally's success. "You can't get away without discipline. Yet in discipline you're really experiencing freedom," notes Koval-Paden. "If I'd give her something challenging—technically beyond her—she would try inch by inch to solve it. That is really hard, you know."

Lally says Koval-Paden emphasized expression and interpretation. "She has a writer's mind; she uses a metaphor for everything. For example, she'll say, 'Do you say to somebody, I love you. I have to run? No. You have to be expressive, milk each note for what it's worth,'" quotes Lally. "Even Franz Liszt said you should play with your palms, meaning it's all in your brain," the student says. "If you're thinking the right thing, you can play the right way."

There's no doubt Lally is playing the right way. She and Chen '96, a creative writing major, won second prize in Middlebury's first concerto competition for their duo performance of Francis Poulenc's *Concerto for Two Pianos.* Three professional musicians from outside the College—Kate Tamarkin, conductor of the Vermont Symphony Orchestra; Emma Tahmizian, a concert pianist; and Allen Shawn, a composer on the faculty of Bennington College—judged their performance, which was then featured in the College Orchestra's final concert of the academic year.

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"They had a chemistry," says Koval-Paden of Chen and Lally. "With four or five more years of piano in graduate school they could have become an excellent professional partnership." Chen married (a fellow student in Mead Chapel) in May and Lally headed off to an unforeseen future. Still, Koval-Paden says, "I think somehow, somewhere they will meet again."

The immediate future for Lally includes a period she will spend living with her grandmother in Hamburg, Germany, "where the Steinway factory is," says Lally. She plans to take a few history courses, and by enrolling in the state university she will have a work permit, so she'll look for some sort of job, too. But she doesn't see clearly now where she is headed.

"I honestly don't know," says Lally. "I say I don't want to do music, but . . . Maybe I could do grad school combining music and history? I want to see what's out there. Maybe I'd like to do something political. Politics has always interested me. Maybe I will even go to Washington and work for a special interest group . . ."

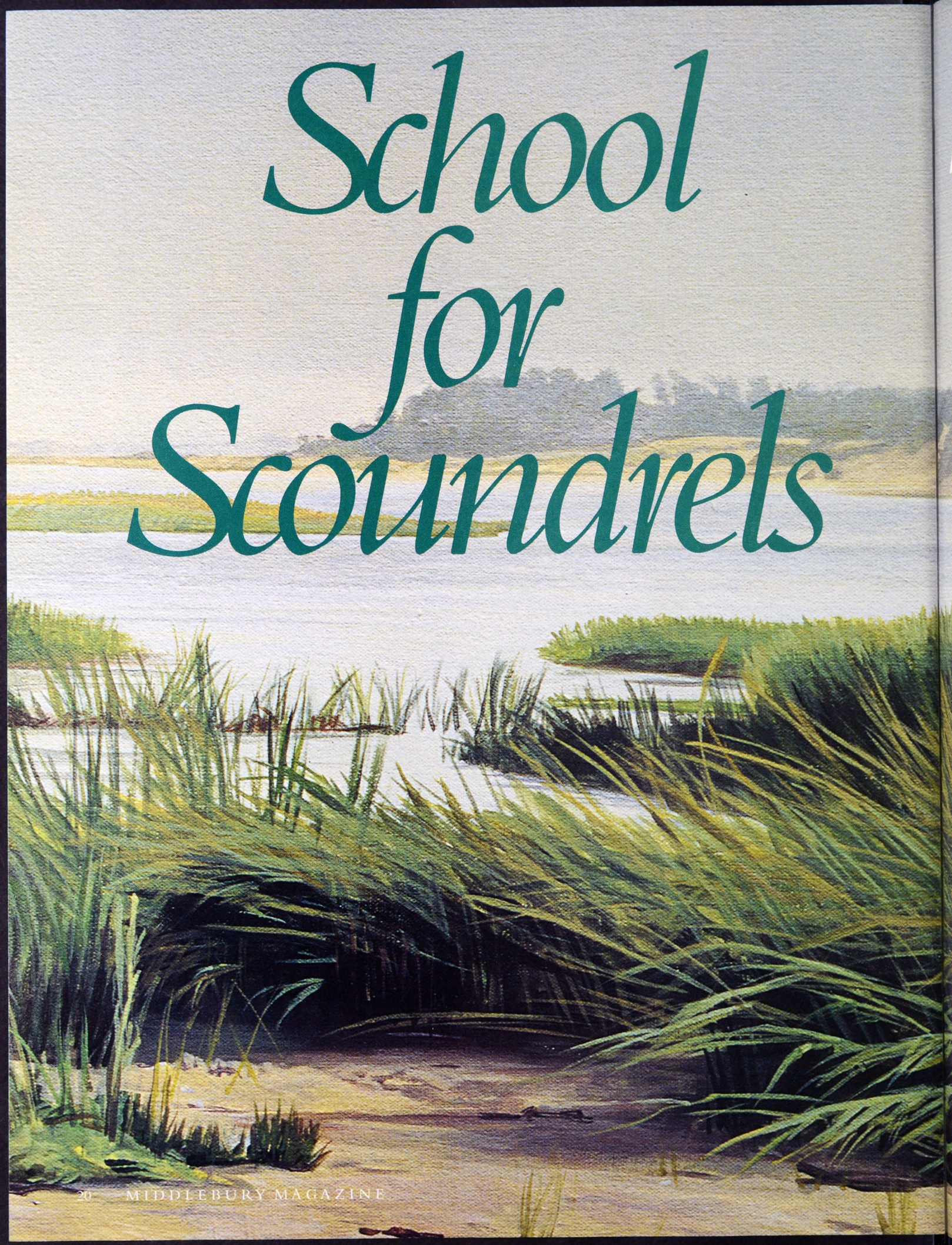
Neither Lamberti nor Koval-Paden is concerned that Lally doesn't seem to know quite what to do next. "Increasingly our students need a year or two to make clear and wise decisions about their future," says Lamberti. "She's representative of our seniors in waiting a year or two before making a lifetime commitment. Seniors are not ready to make investments of years of work."

Koval-Paden agrees: "She should pursue everything. She is on her way—has already become—a well-rounded woman. My intention was to bring up a Renaissance woman. Music only gains from her other interests and the other disciplines gain from music."

"Miss Koval-Paden is one of the most important teachers I've had. Music is so personal. It is a big part of my life and of my life here, making me think in a different way," says Lally. "And then, Marjorie Lamberti has been so attentive. Others, too. Because Middlebury is a small school it is possible. I feel so lucky to have had so many teachers work with me on such a personal level."

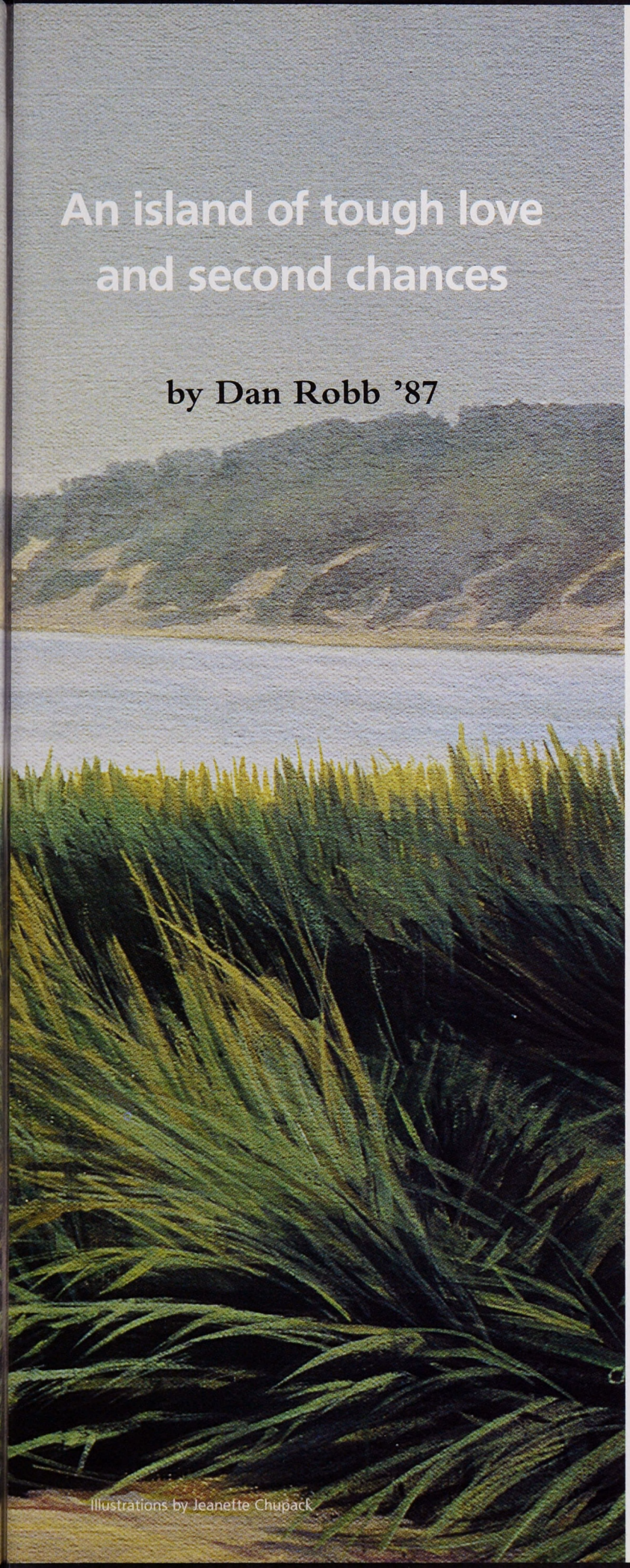
They feel lucky, too. It happened to be Koval-Paden who said about teaching Lally, "It's a blessed privilege," but it could have been any one of several who have known and worked with this unassuming, modest, and very talented scholar and musician. ■

School for Scoundrels



An island of tough love and second chances

by Dan Robb '87



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I've worked at the Penikese Island School, an alternative school for juvenile delinquents on a small island south of Cape Cod, for the last three years. I first went to the island in the fall of 1993, with the school's co-founder, George Cadwalader, for an interview and tour. It was a clear, high August day, and the scent of honeysuckle mingled with the salt in the air as we rumbled down the coasts of the Elizabeth Islands in the school's 36-foot lobster boat, the *Harold Hill.*

Penikese lies at the end of the Elizabeths, 15 miles by boat from the village of Woods Hole on Cape Cod, where the school has a mainland base. The feeling that late August day, as we began the journey in the tough old boat, was one of leave-taking.

The Elizabeths, although home to a few people in summer, are left largely to deer and coyotes, and have reverted to what may resemble their pre-Columbian character. Rolling sandplain grasslands give way to stands of white oak and beech, which in turn give way to bogs and swales in the low places. They are wild, and as I stood in the *Hill,* talking with George that afternoon, I saw what a strong impression this could make on a young convict as he watched only wild lands passing to port and the sea passing to starboard for an hour and a quarter, at the end of which lay his new island home.

On that first trip I grilled George, an ex-marine major, dressed in work pants and a sweatshirt and wearing a battered engineer's cap. Among other things he said that day, he told me a truism that would serve me well during my time as a teacher on the island: See, these guys don't know about cause and effect. They live in a world of reaction, because most of them grew up in an arbitrary world. By that I mean most grew up with parents who would love them one day and then get drunk and beat them the next, even if the kid behaved exactly the same way. The ground's always shifting for these guys, and so they're reactionaries, they're impulsive, and they're chameleons. They literally don't exist in the same world as we do.

As George and I talked, the distance was whittled down, and gradually Penikese, first invisible and then just a low rise on the horizon next to its larger neighbor, Cuttyhunk, began to show herself. And she didn't look like much.

A few trees came into focus in a hollow that I would learn was near the one-room schoolhouse, and the blonde salt hay began to look less dry, with rosa rogosa and staghorn sumac clinging to some of the

low places, out of the wind. As we came still closer, features began to stand out. The weathered gray house and outbuildings took on shape, the front door turned red, and the island seemed to take on bulk; I noted that there were a few more trees tucked in sheltered spots, and that there was a considerable hill at the island's center, rising perhaps 70 feet above the water, marked by several sharp stones near its summit.

And then we were pulling up to the dock. George threw the *Hill* into reverse, bringing us to a gentle halt, and then armed with a stern line, Ned jumped on board—a taut, half-wild metalhead with long blonde hair, wearing black jeans and a black leather vest, with a silver skull hanging on a thong against his bare chest.

"How ah ya, Jawj?" he bawled as George came out of the cabin.

"Fine, Ned. Where the heck are the rest of your clothes? What makes you think I want to see that naked belly of yours?"

At this there was a big smile from Ned, who obviously enjoyed the banter, and we clambered up onto the dock. Another kid sauntered down toward us, a slim, wiry young man with a sharp Neapolitan face and ponytail of tight black ringlets.

"Sonny, how about giving Dan here a walk around the island?"

"What, this guy?" he said, jabbing a thumb my way and smiling. "This another suckuh who wants to come work out heah? Yeah, I'll give you a friggin' toah. C'mon."

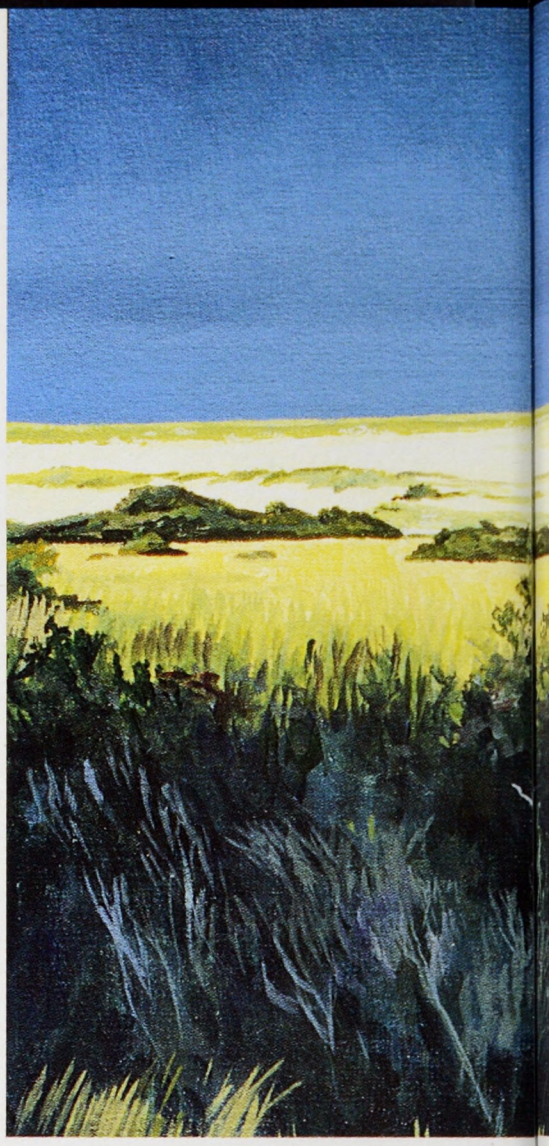
And so it went.

He took me up past the remains of a massive woodpile of four-foot logs, once maybe 15 cords in all, and along a wagon path, which wound through thickets of honeysuckle and sumac past what looked like an ancient fisherman's shed. From there we headed up a hill to the wood-framed carpentry shop, and then past the main house, and further into the buildings and grounds—all built by hand in the past 20 years by the staff and students. We passed the chicken coop, home to 40 layers; the pig yard, home to three massive sows and a smaller boar; and the weathered outhouse, crescent moon cut out of the door, with three holes and a picture window—a veritable Cadillac of outhouses.

"That's all the dead lepers," Sonny said with a slight wave of his hand toward the cemetery. "Prisoners just like us."

We walked on. The path ran north, following that falling-down stone wall along the western limit of the hayfield, and then meandered northwest, past a huge boulder, a glacial erratic, to the low picket rectangle that I knew marked the final resting place of 16 lepers, left behind in 1921 when the island was abandoned by the state of Massachusetts as a leper colony. I had read about that cemetery, but it was still strange to come upon it. Even Sonny seemed quieter once we were near it.

The colony had operated from 1907 to 1921, a distant, shunned place, where lepers lived out the course of their disfiguring disease. About 12 had lived on the island at one time, along with a staff of nurses, help, and one heroic doctor and his wife, who did what they could to ease the colonists' suffering. Now, the cemetery is bounded by the picket fence, painted a fading green, and stands on a knoll that drops steeply to the sea; to the south lie the ruins of the old complex of snug cottages and outbuildings which housed the lepers, looking out over ever-breaking waves toward the mainland, five miles away. A lonelier place would be hard to find.



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I said something like, "At least you get to leave," and he rejoined with, "Yeah, not soon efuckinnough."

And we headed back, through high grass and up the hill again to regain the spine of that stone wall. My thought was of the feel of the place—beautiful desolation and isolation. Sonny had managed to be

both surly and charming at once. We made small talk. I asked him what he did like about the place, and he said:

"The weekends, and some of the staff, and cooking breakfast on Sunday mornings, and that's about it. I'm outa heah in three months."

"What are you in for?" I ventured, a little hesitant to broach a sensitive subject.

"Grand theft auto."

He wore the words like a badge.

"I took one too many. I can take anything. I have taken anything. Fifteen seconds with a screwdriver, I'm gone."

We walked back. The land, stretching away and giving onto the sea, was a constant presence. We stopped in the house. It was roughhewn within, with huge knees taken from ancient boats wrecked on the island's coast used as beams and supports, a massive wood-burning cook stove and chimney in the center, a kitchen and dining area on one side, a living space on the other, with homemade couches gathered around another big wood stove, and books lining the walls. This would soon be home.

The nuts and bolts of the school are these: At full capacity, we are 12—8 students and 4 staff—and this seems to be the ideal number. Any more, and the feel of family is lost (a quality critical to the success of the program); and any fewer, we can't pay the bills. As it is we charge less than almost any other program in the state.

We have no power, phone, or modern conveniences on the island, save cold running water and several panels of photo-voltaics to run the refrigerator. So we go about life much as we might have on a small farm a hundred years ago.

Every day but Sunday we staff rise at 7:00 a.m., bumble downstairs from our bunks in a room next to the students' sleeping areas, and grade the boys' performance of the previous day in eight categories—up on time, cooperation, maturity, honesty, effort, initiative, skill, care. At a maximum of 25 points per category, and two cents per point, they can earn $4 a day, which is not great money, to be sure. But it is theirs, and we can take it away. It is a good lever.

Then we wake them at 7:30, and they have half an hour to rise, curse,

smoke, brush, wash. We have exercises at 8:00, breakfast at 8:30, and go to work at 9:00. Coffee break is at 11:15 or so, lunch is at 12:30, break from 1:00 to 2:30. Then we work again, from 2:30 to 5:00, when we break again until dinner at 6:30. Then, their time is their own until 10:30, when everyone must be upstairs and quiet. Everyone's lantern goes out at 11:00.

That may all sound regimented, but it isn't really. There is plenty of time for ease, for kicking back on the deck and watching the swallows vamp over the garden, or for going for a walk. The irony is that, as much as the guys complain about the schedule, they are much more upset if the rhythm of the day is thrown off, because it's the first place life has ever been stable for them.

During my two years on the island I was the schoolteacher, taking two boys down to the schoolhouse each morning, there to work on the three R's and whatever else I could weasel into the curriculum. Sadly, I often found them paranoid about school, because it had been a place of great shaming. And I soon realized that for many of the boys, just passing a noncrisis-filled morning in the schoolhouse was a huge victory, never mind assaying fractions or reading the Gettysburg Address. I also found that if a boy was calm enough to work at school, he was usually too intimidated by the "complicated stuff" that I wanted to teach, like the finer points of 20th-century history, poetry, or ecology. He just wanted to make it through. Once in a while, though, I'd run into a kid who was ready to take me on. This is a journal entry from October 1993:

This morning I worked on Thoreau with Cyrus, a wiseguy with red hair and jangly blue eyes. We worked outside, sitting in the sun on the south side of the schoolhouse, and read carefully the first few paragraphs of "Why I Went to the Woods."

"I went to the woods because I wished to live deliberately, to front only the essential facts of life, and see if I could not learn what it had to teach, and not, when I came to die, discover that I had not lived. I did not wish to live what was not life, living is so dear; nor did I wish to practice resignation, unless it was quite necessary. I wanted to live deep, and suck out all the marrow of life, to live so sturdily and spartan-like as to put to rout all that was not life . . ."

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Cyrus was suitably confused by all of this. I sat on an old plank, and he sat on a well cap, smoked a Newport, and squinted at the steeplebush and pokeweed gone to seed around us.

"What does he mean by deliberately?" he said. "Ain't that what a jury does?"

"Well, it is, and that's what he means—taking one's time, going carefully."

"Oh. Hah. I have a hard time with that," he said as he whipped a stone into the thicket.

"So, what do you think about this 'sucking the marrow out of life' business?" I asked.

"I don't know."

"Well, what's marrow?"

"The stuff inside of bones."

"Yeah. So, if you want to get every bit of nourishment out of an animal you eat, what do you do?" I asked.

"Cook it. Eat it. Fuckin' puree it. I don't fuckin' know." He took another drag on his cigarette.

"You eat everything, and then you even crack the bones and suck the marrow out of them, like wolves do. That's how Thoreau is saying we should approach life—suck everything out of it."

"Oh. A real vampiuh, huh? Yeah, I hear that."

"Yeah. So how about Spartans? Do you know about them?"

"They were those gladiator guys, right?"

"Yes. And they lived simply. No luxuries. No cookies, no Cadillacs."

"Fuck that. Why's Thoreau want that?"

"Because that's how he wanted to live . . ."

"Wait. Don't tell me. Thoreau wanted to get to the bottom of things by getting away from the distractions of life, right?"

"Yup. Good. And that's what we try to do here."

"Well, it ain't workin'. These guys are just as screwed up as they were when they got here."

When the boys weren't in school they were out building a boat with Whit, lobstering with Jimbo, or splitting wood with Janet, caring for the animals, building a greenhouse with me, changing a filter on the tractor, or doing any of the hundred

tasks it took to keep the school going. Or, on their own time, they were sailing with us, swimming, fishing, playing basketball, or smoking cigarettes and telling war stories behind a rock on the other side of the island, out of our sight.

Most of them come to us from D.Y.S. (the Massachusetts Department of Youth Services) and choose us as an alternative to "lockup," which is basically a jail for minors. Typically, they stay with us for six months.

When I arrived, there were seven boys on the island. One was in for attempted murder, two for arson, one for assault with a deadly weapon (baseball bat—on his mother's boyfriend), one for breaking and entering, one for robbery, one for dealing drugs. They had all been in lockup, except for one fellow, who had come to us from D.S.S. (the Department of Social Services), and had bounced from foster home to foster home, finally landing with us as a last resort. They were all angry.

Was it dangerous to live with them? Well, only twice in my time there did I have to use force to restrain a student. I attribute this to the environment of the island. These guys aren't scared out there, the sheer beauty of the island calms them down, and since violence arises from fear, most potentially violent situations were averted with talk or taking a walk.

I also found that the students were as diverse as their crimes. Two were black, two were Hispanic, three were Caucasian; they fit roughly the demographics of the state. They were also not all children of the poor. Two were from middle class homes, and one had had every privilege as he grew. His parents were divorced, however, and this seems to be a common theme. Never did I come across a boy who came from an intact home, or one who lived in a stable situation with his father.

When I look at the causes of delinquency in these boys, several things predominate. Fatherlessness tops the list, closely followed by abuse of one kind or another, abandonment or neglect, and substance abuse within the household. One boy with us was regularly raped by his brothers when he was a child. Another's parents were both thrown in prison on drug charges when he was seven, orphaning him; the list goes on. And what has become absolutely clear to me is that when I look at a young criminal, I am seeing not a person who is incorrigible, but a person reacting to childhood wounds from which he is struggling to heal.

How are we doing? Well, the only study done on Penikese students, which tracked them four years down the line, showed our rate of recidivism at about 75 percent, which compares to the state's rate of 90 percent. Dave Masch ("Pops"), the school's co-founder, is also fond of saying that he thinks we play a strong mitigating role, turning a lot of potential murderers into car thieves. If that is so, and I think it is, then we are doing well.

It also seems that a lot of what we teach, and what the island teaches, takes a while to percolate up to the conscious level in our students. The lessons Penikese offers—in family values, in life, and in the solace offered by the natural beauty of the island—don't necessarily mean much to the boy who lives in a condition of reaction, but they do take on significance when the boy gains some insight at the age of 24 or 25. Graduates' letters, like the following, attest to this. ■

Dan Robb '87 (Bread Loaf '95) is a teacher and writer from Woods Hole, Massachusetts, who has taught in Mississippi and New York City; he is currently finishing a book about Penikese.

August 1994

I am writing this letter to a sure you that Penikese Island School really does work . . .

I graduated in 1980, each day in my life today shows affects in a lot of ways in what the island meant to me. When the rough periods approach me I was able to think things through and to come up with a better plan . . .

When I left the island I was kind of confused and resentful, because I felt like part of a family. When I first got out I did good for awhile and booze + drugs started the old me all over again. I started first by disrespecting everyone even myself and stick my nose in other peoples business, the next thing you know instead of island sentence I was a prison sentence. I was sentenced for 15 years in state prison for house invasion. I know in my heart, what I did it for was right, but the way I was thinking wasn't right.

You see a 9 year old boy was raped by a 38 year old man and when we found out we all got drunk, went there, and beat the guy almost to death, thank God he didn't die, I did 30 months in jail, for something I should have let the law take care of. Soon after I got out of jail alot of thoughts were still there, things I learned on the island about myself, so I did a full turn on my life. I now live pretty easy and laid back. I got married 9 years ago to a beautiful lady, we have two children, my son James is 9 years and my daughter is 12 years old, her name is Aimee. I now live in my own house in the same town, people never thought possible. I'm doing well for myself, and each day is easier.

All I can say is tell the kids on the island, there's a lot of things out there waiting, and lots of good sense and feelings you can take from the island to help you in your own ways.

Your friend,
Randy (age 30)

Taking direction from the poet

Hiking made whole

By John C. Elder

Editor's note: In Professor Elder's recent work, he takes his readers on a series of hikes through the Green Mountain terrain that served as inspiration for Robert Frost during his Bread Loaf years. Elder finds his own inspiration not only in the land, but also in Frost's poem "Directive." He frames each of the hikes with several lines from that poem. A few brief excerpts from Directive: The Poem of Eastern Wilderness, *which Harvard University Press will publish next year, follow.*

Since our family moved to Bristol 15 years ago, I have regularly hiked the rugged spur of the Green Mountains backing the village. I've benefited in these criss-cross meditations from the parallel guidance of the Forest Service's topographical maps and Robert Frost's poetry. "Directive," especially, has helped me begin to understand the essential history—geological, arboreal, and human—of our stretch of the Green Mountains. This is a poem that invites a reader up into the heights, an invitation I've accepted with gratitude.

Scars blaze a way into the wilderness. Gray, barkless patches line the edges of my path, facing inward from the trunks of maples and beech. They mark where log trucks and skidders once scraped their way into the woods. Beanpole popples now crowd the right-of-way, stiff leaves spangling in the lightest breeze. Though over 12 feet high, these pioneers are still yellow-green and smooth. They rise thickly like a plantation of grass, bend together like stems of grass whenever the forest draws slow breath. Even with weaving in and out among the popples I find the going much easier on this ghost-road than it would be just a few feet to either side. The loggers drove along the natural terracing of the slope, steering around the outcrops and erratics that punctuate the syntax of the forest. Walking on this vestigial track, I also avoid the shattered trunks and fallen branches that elsewhere tilt together into hiker-halting barricades. So I always keep my eye out for the scars.

Bristol Cliffs Wilderness Area was established under the Eastern Wild Areas Act of 1974. But this road had fallen out of use long before that year. The terrain was simply too rugged to repay the mechanized techniques of modern logging. Just below the sign announcing the official boundary of the wilderness, where the slope suddenly tilts upward in a truck-toppling ascent and boulders curve up through the soil like the backs of sounding whales, the blazes disappear. I must keep on moving forward now, in the faith that I will find a large charred stump.

This stump is a relic—perhaps as much as 60 years old according to our County Forester David Brynn—of a fire fed by the slash from logging. It rises to a delicate black point, attenuated by the shuttling seasons of rain and snow that have also leached away most of its substance. Only a delicate design of wafered carbon remains, radiating from the center of the stump like the secret gills that fan out, invisible from above, around a mushroom's

John Elder outside the Robert Frost cabin in Ripton.

Photograph by Owen Stayner

central bole. When I reach this bearing stump, I turn due east and cast around for my next charcoal monument. There it is, a second stump standing on its own small rise, surrounded by four rocks similar to it in size. From this point I can orient myself to a slimy ash log that points up the slope and disappears into a burst of jewelweed, its delicate foliage hanging above the ground like blue-green smoke from summer's last explosion in the woods. My boots disappear beneath the jewelweed, so that I stumble on the broken ground. After ascending through this confusion, though, I arrive again at the more sustained instruction of a trail.

In fact, the going now is even clearer than on the old logging road below. This higher trail was originally part of a track constructed in the mid-19th century. Long before motorized skidders plied the lower woods, it was the path for bringing teams of oxen into the heights. Extensive leveling was necessary to bend a sturdy dogleg trail from Bristol Flats up to the talus-spilling brow of Bristol Cliffs. In the intervening years, though the way has narrowed to a footpath, the walking remains firm on black earth packed in the crevices between cobbles. Where the trail, which has been climbing northeast until now, ricochets sharply upward and to the south, an iron cable dangles down, one end embedded deep in the trunk of an ancient birch. It was placed here so that ox-drivers could temporarily run the cable through the harness of their animals. As the long-time Bristol resident who first showed me this trail remarked, if the animals did lose their footing in trying to drag a load around this cornice, "they still wouldn't end up at the bottom as tenderized beef."

Even when I do finally make it to the top, a raddled plateau rising toward the town of Lincoln, there are traces of long-vanished human livelihoods. Stone walls stalk through the trees, marking the pastures where sheep were put to graze after the first great deforestation.

"Directive" appeared in 1946. Frost's wife Elinor had died in 1938, and in the same year Frost had purchased the Homer Noble farm in Ripton. He lived in a cabin just up the hill, while Theodore and Kay Morrison were in the main farmhouse as his summer tenants and, in effect, his caretakers. A visitor to the Frost cabin today finds a simple three-room structure of peeled logs, suitable for a poet's hermitage, or for a mourning man's retreat.

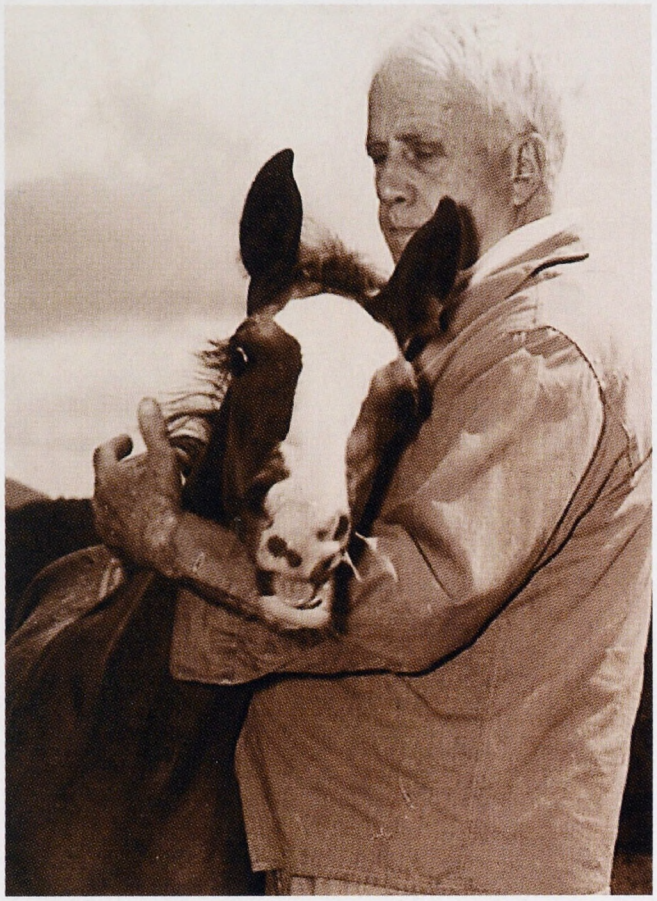
Not long after I came to Middlebury College in 1973, I found myself seated next to Victor Reichert at a dinner. Rabbi Reichert had summered in Ripton for many years and was a close friend of Robert Frost. With his mane of white hair and his enormous dignity, he brought to mind the poet with whom he had long delighted in discussing the Bible. In an attempt to get a conversation started with this impressive man, I remarked that I too was a great admirer of Frost's work, and especially the poem "Directive."

Rabbi Reichert slowly turned his gaze toward me and in a gentle voice commanded, "Say it."

After my first moment of blank terror, I began to babble, "Back out of all this now too much for us,/Back . . ."

"All right," he said and, with a little smile, passed me the rolls.

Robert Frost with Bread Loaf faculty, 1953.



Robert Frost on his farm in Ripton, Vermont.

There is a house that is no more a house
Upon a farm that is no more a farm
And in a town that is no more a town.

Frost's repetitive simplicity in these lines is like a riddle. When *is* a house no more a house, a farm no more a farm, a town no more a town? Answering such a question requires hiking further up into the paradoxical wilderness of Vermont. In the course of "Directive," we will indeed come to a house, deep in the woods, that is now no more than a cellar hole; to a farm that has vanished except for a last vestigial clearing. Where there was once a town of hard-working families along the ridge, we will enter a thickening forest that might seem never to have been inhabited by humans. The answer to the poem's conundrum is in fact the land itself, with its history inscribed in the processes of its present. ■

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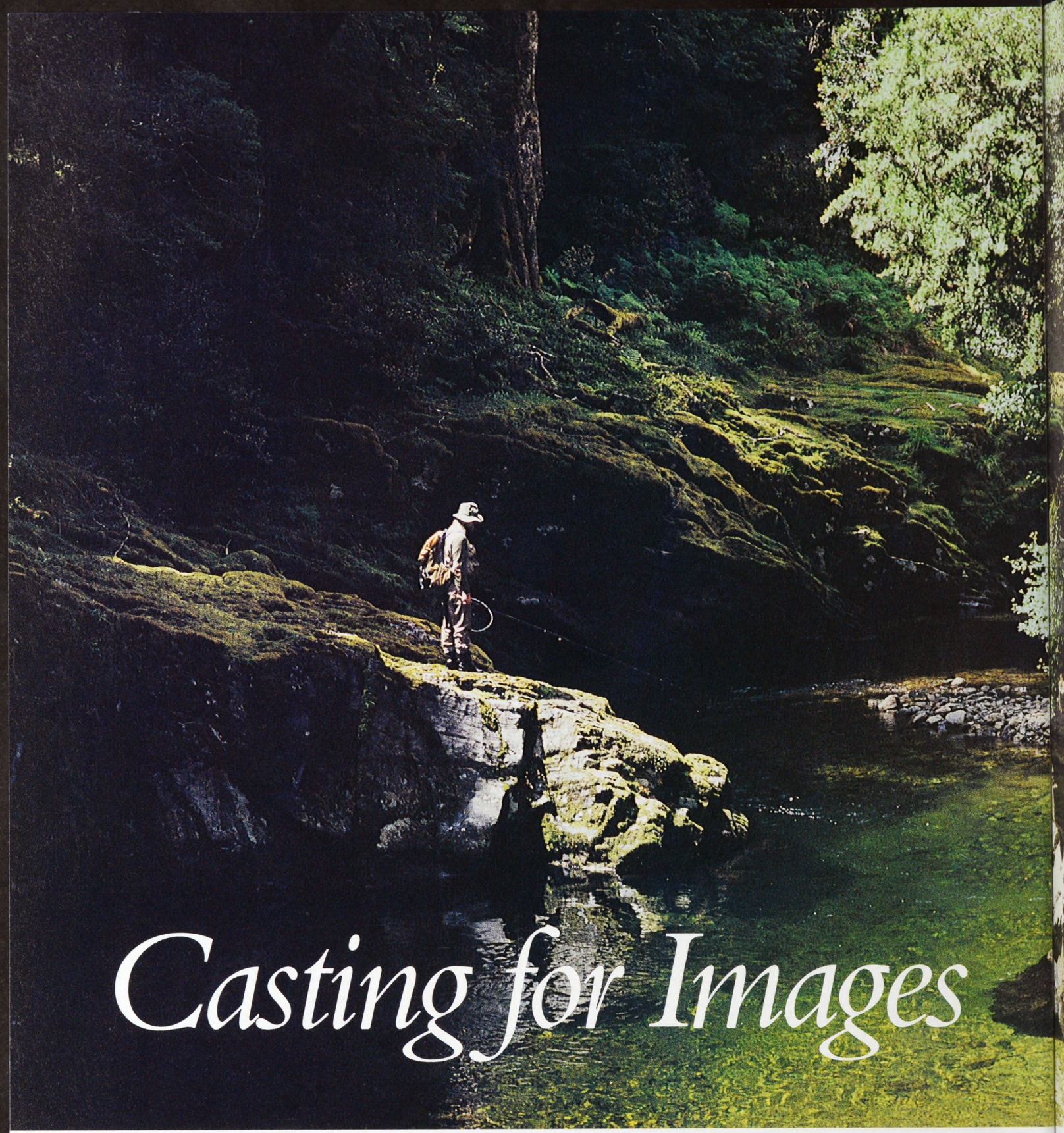
DIRECTIVE

Back out of all this now too much for us,
Back in a time made simple by the loss
Of detail, burned, dissolved, and broken off
Like graveyard marble sculpture in the weather,
There is a house that is no more a house
Upon a farm that is no more a farm
And in a town that is no more a town.
The road there, if you'll let a guide direct you
Who only has at heart your getting lost,
May seem as if it should have been a quarry—
Great monolithic knees the former town
Long since gave up pretense of keeping covered.
And there's a story in a book about it:
Besides the wear of iron wagon wheels
The ledges show lines ruled southeast-northwest,
The chisel work of an enormous Glacier
That braced his feet against the Arctic Pole.
You must not mind a certain coolness from him
Still said to haunt this side of Panther Mountain.
Nor need you mind the serial ordeal
Of being watched from forty cellar holes
As if by eye pairs out of forty firkins.
As for the woods' excitement over you
That sends light rustle rushes to their leaves,
Charge that to upstart inexperience.
Where were they all not twenty years ago?
They think too much of having shaded out
A few old pecker-fretted apple trees.
Make yourself up a cheering song of how
Someone's road home from work this once was,
Who may be just ahead of you on foot
Or creaking with a buggy load of grain.
The height of the adventure is the height
Of country where two village cultures faded
Into each other. Both of them are lost.
And if you're lost enough to find yourself
By now, pull in your ladder road behind you
And put a sign up CLOSED to all but me.
Then make yourself at home. The only field
Now left's no bigger than a harness gall.
First there's the children's house of make-believe,
Some shattered dishes underneath a pine,
The playthings in the playhouse of the children.
Weep for what little things could make them glad.
Then for the house that is no more a house,
But only a belilaced cellar hole,
Now slowly closing like a dent in dough.
This was no playhouse but a house in earnest.
Your destination and your destiny's
A brook that was the water of the house,
Cold as a spring as yet so near its source,
Too lofty and original to rage.
(We know the valley streams that when aroused
Will leave their tatters hung on barb and thorn.)
I have kept hidden in the instep arch
Of an old cedar at the waterside
A broken drinking goblet like the Grail
Under a spell so the wrong ones can't find it,
So can't get saved, as Saint Mark says they mustn't.
(I stole the goblet from the children's playhouse.)
Here are your waters and your watering place.
Drink and be whole again beyond confusion.

Robert Frost



Casting for Images

Photographer Tom Montgomery '74 reels in photos and fish

Photographs and captions by Tom Montgomery

Middlebury is a good place to learn to fish, and several generations of College students have gotten their feet wet casting about in the Middlebury River. Some have even made careers of fly-fishing. Tom Montgomery '74, whose photographs appear on the following pages, admits that, "One reason I came here was because I wanted to fish and ski, as well as get a good education." He did all three and has spent his professional life since then as a fishing guide and, in the last 10 years, a sports and travel photographer for such magazines as *Forbes FYI, Esquire Sportsman, Men's Journal, Sports Afield*, and *Fly Fisherman*. He is part of a small, but select circle of Midd alums who have made a career of fly fishing.

Arch Tilford '36, who at 87 is still an avid and active fisherman, started a successful fishing tackle business in 1948 and ran it until he was 73. ("I invented a little lure that everybody had to have; that didn't hurt.") Peter Burton '66, started tying flies years ago under the tutelage of Arch Tilford but soon far surpassed his teacher. Known by everyone in the fly-fishing business for his superb flies, Burton now works for the College at the Snow Bowl and the Golf Course. Other notable fly-fishing aficionados include Silvio Calabi '72, editor in chief of *Fly Rod & Reel* magazine, and Pat Berry '91, a writer and fishing guide in Missoula, Montana.

Asked whether he considers his job "perfect," Montgomery says, "It's pretty peripatetic. I like that. Life is filled with checks and balances. I've got a life filled with adventure, but I don't have a stable home life. So that's the trade off." *RM*

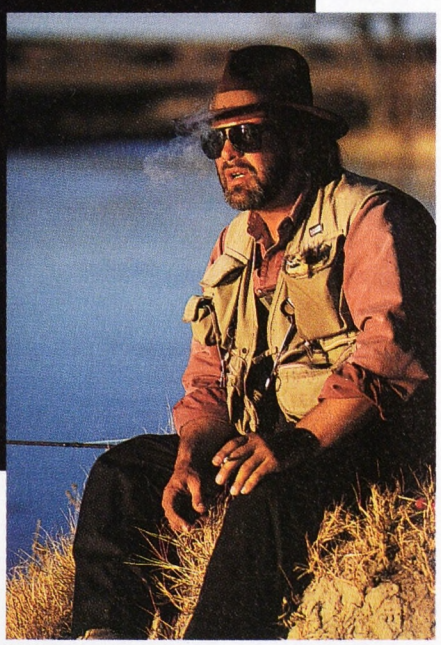
Bush stream, Karamea River drainage, South Island, New Zealand, 1986

I like this place. It's a magical, almost enchanted spot that I return to year after year, and it is the place where once we cast long and deep to a double-digit brown that was feeding toward the head of the pool, taking nymphs some six feet from the surface. It seems to speak of a place haunted by leviathans, a place where anything could happen.

Golden Trout, Wind River Range, Wyoming, 1993
This is the most mysterious of all the trout. It's found in remote lakes at high altitude. Golden trout are temperamental: sometimes they take, mostly they don't. Large specimens like this one are very rare.

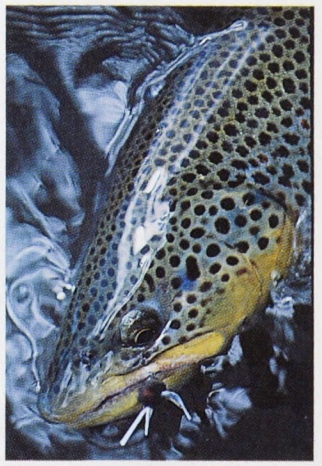
Mid-November snowstorm, Green River, Utah, 1992
Who fishes in a snowstorm? I do. Trout fishing is often fabulous in foul weather, and that day we saw only one other boat.

Firehole River, Wyoming, in Yellowstone National Park, 1990
Three hours' drive north of my home in Jackson, Wyoming, this is a place I like to fish early and late in the season. Some have called it the most beautiful trout stream in the world; I think it's especially nice in stormy weather toward sundown.This shot was taken after the great fires of 1988. You can see the burnt trees in the hills to the left.



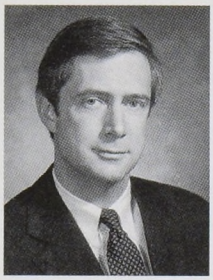
A.J. de Rosa, Bighorn River, eastern Montana, 1987
My friend A.J. De Rosa is the archetypical trout bum. He's a Jackson Hole ski patrolman in the winter and fly-fishing guide in the summer. He left suburban Detroit 25 years ago and now lives in a trailer or a tepee, depending on the season.

Wind River Range, Wyoming, 1991
For the last 15 years, I've spent the first two weeks of August in the high country of my home state of Wyoming with the same backpacking partner. I shoot photos, but I'm really there to relax.



Brown trout, Bighole River, southwest Montana, 1980
This particularly nice brown trout, 21 1/2 inches long, was taken by a 12-year-old boy. I was guiding his father on a very slow day of fishing. Some clouds rolled in, the sky went a steely gray, and we switched from dry flies to this ugly Montana wet fly pattern called a Yuk Bug. Then he took this fish.

Classic streamers by Argentine tier Marcelo Morales, 1992



PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVE

by John M. McCardell, Jr.

THE PROPER PLACE OF ATHLETICS

On June 24 Tom Lawson announced his decision to step down as director of athletics, effective July 1, 1997. He will have served in that position for 20 years and will have helped guide the College through an extraordinary period of growth in its athletics program.

This announcement has prompted me to reflect both on the changes that have occurred during Tom's watch and on the importance of athletics to the education of Middlebury students, some 800 of whom now compete on the intercollegiate level. It is an exercise that begins with awe and ends in gratitude.

At Middlebury College, the quality of education mirrors the quality of instruction, and we are very fortunate indeed to have a coaching staff that understands that teaching the skills of a particular sport is only a part of the role they are expected to play. Tom has assembled a staff that is without equal in the New England Small College Athletic Conference (NESCAC). They fully understand, and embrace, the Division III ideal of the student-athlete, who plays for the love of competition. They take deep interest in the lives of their students off the playing field. Their expertise and national reputation in their particular sports are the equal of our academic faculty in their chosen disciplines. And they successfully impart the excellence they exemplify: in winning seasons, to be sure, and individual accomplishments, but also, and more importantly, in matters of character. Our student-athletes, and their coaches, represent the College admirably, both on and off the field.

Our remarkably consistent record of athletic accomplishment has taken place over a period when student attitudes nationally have changed dramatically, moving from the collective to the personal, and when the academic quality of our own student body has improved significantly. To have taken ever more able students and schooled those students in the virtues of teamwork, self-discipline, and sacrifice is to have prevailed in a cycle of cultural change when those traits were ever less likely to be taken for granted or assumed.

Moreover, our athletic offerings today are far richer than ever before. Middlebury now competes in 26 intercollegiate sports, equally divided between men and women. Seven new women's intercollegiate sports have been introduced in the past 20 years. And these have required additional venues, of which our new track, stadium, playing fields, and natatorium are conspicuous examples.

Nor has the importance of physical fitness to lifelong health been neglected. Not only do our intramural and club programs offer opportunities to compete at a non-varsity level, but our fitness center, heavily used by all members of the community, provides a place for sound minds to maintain sound bodies.

And yet, remarkable as the past 20 years have been, the College faces new challenges in the years ahead. We certainly need to make every effort to retain our talented coaches. We will need to withstand growing pressures—to compromise admissions standards, to offer more financial aid than a student needs, to favor transfer students who are athletes—in the face of competitors less able to succeed when playing by the rules. NESCAC may need to structure itself more formally to deal with such matters, and also with roster size, post-season play, and true round-robin scheduling, and not simply serve as a conference at the convenience of a particular member at a particular moment.

There are more immediate issues as well. The refrigerant pipes in Nelson Arena are now 50 years old, and, though we have plans for a new rink and a hope that funds may be raised to build it, we begin each hockey season now with our fingers crossed. Our indoor tennis and squash facilities are inadequate for the demands now being placed upon them by recreational, as well as intercollegiate users. And some club sports, notably crew, are clamoring for more resources, which will be quite costly.

My own view is that we will engage, and overcome, all of these challenges. My confidence is rooted in the great successes we have realized over the past 20 years and in the deep appreciation we have for Tom Lawson's reminding us of the proper place of athletics in the residential liberal arts college. His quiet advocacy of that role offers the surest hope of continued success in the future. ■

by John McWilliams

ROBERT PACK: MIDDLEBURY'S PRECIOUS RESOURCE

Minding the Sun by Robert Pack
Chicago and London: The University of Chicago Press, 1996, cloth and paper.

Poet

Although *Minding the Sun* is Robert Pack's 17th (17th!) book of poems, he long ago staked out a position as poet-critic which, despite the varieties of his writing, he has never really abandoned. *New Poets of England and America* (1957), the influential anthology Pack co-edited with Donald Hall and Louis Simpson, grouped together, with an introduction specially written by Robert Frost, college- and university-connected poets who were committed to tightly wrought craft, to a music of meter and rhyme, and to recognizable adaptations of traditional poetic forms. This anthology, in marked contrast to Donald Allen's *The New American Poetry* (1960), which promoted the incandescent, brief revolt of the Beats, centered upon many of the most important and lasting poets of the last 40 years, including Anthony Hecht, John Hollander, Donald Justice, Robert Lowell, William Meredith, Howard Nemerov, Adrienne Rich, Richard Wilbur, James Wright, and, yes, Robert Pack. Through his oft-proclaimed indebtedness to, and echoes of, Wordsworth, Frost, Stevens, and Yeats, Pack has advocated a kind of poetry that, rather than forging rhetoric to alter behavior, treasures the ways in which words, by enabling us to see with humor and clarity, also help us to endure. Pack has also, as everyone associated with Middlebury College should know, shaped the Bread Loaf Writers' Conference toward the same ends, and with similarly durable achievement.

In its renderings of earth's and life's seasons, *Minding the Sun* strikes a wryly autumnal tone. Until its concluding poems "Elegy to the Sun" and "The Trees Will Die," Pack's poems about survival of personal loss almost convince us that ecological disaster could be held off through ironic retreat to family, home, and countryside. Its opening section consists of a seasonal sequence of lyrics in virtually identical variation upon sonnet form: 15-line poems, with the first line repeated in the eighth, the second in the seventh, and with two tercets—a form that effectively combines the sonnet with the villanelle. Many of these poems are surely meant to recall Frostian analogues ("The Place" brings to mind Frost's "Directive"; "The Waiting," Frost's "The Woodpile" as well as Roethke's "The Waking"; "Her Shoes," Frost's "Home Burial"; and, most obviously, "The Wall," Frost's celebrated "Mending Wall"). The longer poems in the volume's last two sections return to themes that have preoccupied Pack's recent volumes of verse: the comedies of sexual desire, the implications of laws of physics for the visionary imagination, the need for serious laughter as one's decades accumulate. In many of Pack's new poems, we watch a solitary mind watching itself as it in turn watches natural objects for possible correspondences to self. At times such solipsism, mirrors within mirrors, falls into the egotistical sublime; more often, though, it is saved by the power of Pack's self-mockery, by his ability to laugh at the presumptions of his observing "I."

Colleague

The telephone rings at 8:30 Sunday morning and the gravelly, charming-aggressive voice in the receiver says, "John, this is Bob." I know then that I am in for it. I am once again to play my part in Bob's Sunday Morning service, without the benefit of Wallace Stevens's "pungent oranges and bright, green wings." Bob will first give me a feint to the right, a feint to the left, and then, watch out, a timely uppercut. What will it be this time? Hiring, departmental politics, a visiting lecturer, a Commons event, the fecklessness of the College's administration, the evils of disguised fraternities, or his insufficient salary? Whatever his demand may be, it will be presented, often rightly, as a need equally serving the interests of Bob Pack and Middlebury College. And I know that, whatever it may cost me to resist Bob Pack, or not to resist him, his arguments will be smart, witty, anything but trivial. As he probes my vulnerability, he will get me laughing.

Sometimes, Bob manages to have an entire faculty meeting

Poet, teacher, and mentor, Bob Pack is also a formidable political presence on campus.

become his Sunday Morning service. For 19 years I have listened to him struggle publicly with the contradictions between two principles to both of which he is strongly committed: equality of individual faculty rights and superiority of individual faculty merit, especially his own. He has, generally, been right on both accounts. At the yearly April faculty meeting, when the snow is a dirty brown and faculty spirits are dog-tired, Bob will surely be there, waking the wakeable up with his witty courage. Even though he treasures his self-proclaimed and open-ended role as "Pariah in Residence," he sometimes admits to planning to retire—in 2020 A.D. I know that Bob Pack's relentlessness long has been, is now, and long will be a precious resource for Middlebury College, but this coming Sunday Morning, I plan to take the phone off the hook. I will. I will. ■

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The Merging

Each you becomes another you—all one,
You separate and merge within my mind;
As wife, as mother, father, daughter, son,
You show a single face, so I can find
Or lose myself in every set of eyes I see,
And staring inward at the you in me
You separate and merge within my mind.
Each you becomes another you—all one,
Like leaves unfurling on a maple tree,
Or like reflected moonlight on a lake,
You seem uncertain being there,
You seem both sleeping and awake,
And staring inward at my inward stare,
I recognize you looking back to see
My vanished image in the vacant air.

from *Minding the Sun*

Photograph by Owen Stayner

by Cynthia Baughman

TOTAL IMMERSION: THE THREE-YEAR INTERNATIONAL MAJOR

A small and hearty band of students have embarked on a high-profile experiment: They are the first students to enroll in Middlebury's innovative three-year B.A. program. While the workload can seem overwhelming, their enthusiasm as global academic pioneers remains fervent, even as they talk about the slightly mixed realities of the past year.

"A lot of people ask me why I want to rush through college," says Susan Quintin, "but that's not why I'm doing it." The student from Pelham, New York, thinks others resist the change from a traditional four-year college experience. "I've never been one to be pushed away by the awesomeness of change though," she says.

"It sounded so challenging," notes Elisabeth Falaleev from Stamford, Connecticut. "And because nobody has done this before, every step you take is an accomplishment."

"I like knowing where I'm headed now," says Mary Kathryn Malone of Westhampton Beach, New York.

These three women entered Middlebury in June 1995 as first-year students in the summer Language Schools program in French. They then moved into their first-year seminars and other courses, with Quintin and Falaleev concentrating on courses in their international politics and economics track of the international major, while Malone is concentrating in psychology. The three women became sophomores at the beginning of January, remained on campus this summer at the French School for a second immersion in their language of choice, and head off to Paris in September to the Middlebury School Abroad in France.

Academic pioneers in the challenging three-year degree program: Mary Kathryn Malone, Elisabeth Falaleev, and Susan Quintin.

While they have bent periodically with the strain of five courses during the semesters, they haven't broken. They believe the hardest part of their challenge—adjusting to college from high school while carrying a heavier load than the majority of their classmates—is behind them. "It should be easier after this, but it wasn't even that bad," says Quintin.

The international major was developed by Clara Yu, vice president for languages. Geared to a small minority of students who are highly focused, sure of their academic interests, extremely well qualified, and willing to work very hard, the international major combines language study, including a year abroad, with another discipline in the humanities or social sciences. It enables students to accelerate their studies while achieving greater language proficiency and a broader international perspective. The major's density—the Language Schools' famous immersion method applied to the entire college program—it is hoped, will produce results as successful as those Middlebury is admired for in its teaching of foreign languages. At the same time, as President McCardell noted several years ago, this program "challenged the notion that four years was sacrosanct . . . [and] acknowledged the reality that not all students learn, and not all subjects are best pursued, at the same pace."

"We knew it was concentrated, but still we underestimated that it is such a rigorous, stringent, and precise program," says Yu in reflecting on the completed first year of the international major. "It is tougher to coordinate than we expected." But she thinks the effort very worthwhile: "What is important is opening up the curriculum and making the College more flexible."

Photograph by Owen Stayner

At first some at Middlebury feared the three-year B.A. might undermine the College's entire curriculum, that most students would want to do their degree in three years. (In addition, parents might encourage their children to do a three-year degree because of the financial savings of the shorter program.) This fear has proven unfounded. The program is just too difficult. Of the fourteen admitted in 1995, seven entered the program and three remain. Twelve received offers of admission in 1996, and four began their studies at the summer Language Schools this past June.

Aaron Coburn is one of those who began the three-year international major in 1995 and decided to shift to the traditional, four-year major in international politics and economics. "When I applied I really thought I knew what I wanted. I thought this program—the two summer schools of German, the year in Mainz—would open up a lot of possibilities. It seemed to suit me," he says. "Then I realized how much I liked being in Vermont. . . . And I played trumpet in the pit band for *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*. I had a really good time. I did an art history/studio art course in J term and loved it," he continues. "I looked at my schedule and saw I wasn't going to have time to take Greek tragedy or medieval history or biblical thought or music." Coburn also wanted to continue—on campus, in person—friendships he had established.

Quintin, however, thinks the international majors just need to make deeper friendships faster and believes those she has made will survive. "It is a little weird being a sophomore now and having entered with the first-year students," she says. "I compare it to being a Feb—just a little different. But you remember how special the program is. It is really an honor. I feel I'm a special part of Middlebury."

Yu underlines the truth of that statement. "We don't want to overlook the impact of these international majors on other students," she says. "They know they're special, but they blend into the landscape. They are topnotch students—academic superstars—who can take the load. Professors have asked me, 'Who is this first-year student who's doing so well in my third-year course?' They're focused, supportive of each other, mature."

The maturity shows in comments Falaleev makes about the importance of perspective. She rows with the women's crew, practicing almost daily for two hours beginning at 5:30 a.m., which is one of the few open times on her schedule. "Despite how hard it is, you need time away. You need time to find yourself and where you stand," she says. "For those two hours I just think about the water, the rowing. It's beautiful out there and when I come back, I can take it [the studying . . . or perhaps she meant the world] on." Falaleev also works, holding a part-time job at Otter Creek Child Care.

Quintin might have played a sport if she weren't quite so busy, "but probably not." She is an active member of both the Newman Society and Christian Fellowship, however, and enjoys the volunteer work she does through those organizations. Her long-range goal is a career in international business or diplomacy.

Malone also chose to become involved in an activity, playing the flute in the Middlebury College Orchestra. In fact, she's practicing two hours a day in preparation for an audition this fall for a music school she hopes to attend while in Paris. She sees her international major as a perfect preparation for a career in psychology, emphasizing art and music therapy, or perhaps research.

"The field is universal, not national. With the international major I'll see people in all sorts of contexts," she says.

The focus in the meantime is unrelenting. "It's a lot to put yourself through, to keep wanting it," says Falaleev. For example, because she wants to do a senior thesis and thinks its quality would suffer if she were carrying five courses while working on it, she hopes to go to summer school at Oxford in her third (and only free) summer when she plans to do an internship in London with the European Union. After graduation comes a stint in the Peace Corps, then several years of teaching high school French, then graduate school, and finally a job with either the European Union or the United Nations. That's a long-range plan, but then this is a woman who had been on her way to Middlebury since the seventh grade. All those years ago her French teacher gave her a French teaching manual, a brochure about the College, and an instruction to go to Middlebury when the time came. "I kept the brochure," she says. "I was coming to Middlebury. That was established." Falaleev made good on that long-range plan; why not on this one?

The students are grateful for all their advisers—in their language, in their departments, the dean of students, the director of overseas study, "mom" (that's Clara Yu)—and they're glad they have each other. They love being pioneers in a new and different program, with guarantees of two years in summer school and an entire year abroad. Falaleev, Malone, and Quintin also enjoy the attention of *Newsweek*, the *Boston Globe*, the *Wall Street Journal*, and most recently the *Washington Post*, which have all written about what Middlebury is doing with its three-year B.A. Those publications know these special students are leading the way in international education. And, indeed, they are. ■

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1924

Class Secretary: *Mrs. Frederick M. Meek (Amy Hunt), Box 447, Kennebunkport, ME 04046; 207/967-2440.*

1925

Class Secretary: *Dr. Ward Oliver, 35 North Grand St., Cobleskill, NY 12043.*

Virginia and I recently returned from a short visit to FL. I was reappointed to chairman of the board of directors of the bank. Our health remains satisfactory. We would like to receive some news from classmates.

1926

Reunion Class

Class Secretary: *Lindley W. Robinson, 33 Christian Ave., Concord, NH 03301.*

It was a joyful gathering May 31-June 2 on the occasion of the 70th Reunion of the Class of 1926. Three of our class members, **Roland A. Bennett, Robert A. MacDonald**, and **Lindley W. Robinson**, were in Middlebury for the grand celebration, and were roundly acclaimed upon entering the Saturday morning convocation. ■ We regret to report the death of **Rachel Barnes Loach** on April 14, 1996. She attended a one-room school in Richmond, MA, and was class salutatorian and poetry editor at Pittsfield High School before coming to Middlebury, where she graduated cum laude. A note from one of her daughters (Marjorie Anderson) informs us that "she left instructions to notify Middlebury when she died. She treasured her college years spent there—at a time when not many girls even went to high school!—and as you can see she went on to lead an amazing life." Glimpses of her amazing life can be found in the memorial which appears elsewhere in this issue. We send condolences to all of her family members. ■ **Alberta Decoster Papke** has moved to a care facility at 1616 Bender Rd., Glendale, WI 53217.

1927

Please send your news to the Alumni Editor, Middlebury Magazine, *Middlebury, VT 05753.*

We regret to report the death of **Pauline Cross Whitney** on May 7, 1996. Her husband, Percy T. Whitney '25 died in 1990. We send the sympathy of the class to her sister, Marjorie Cross Smith '28, and to all the family. A memorial for Polly appears elsewhere in this issue.

1928

Class Secretary: *Mrs. J.D. Coombs (Miriam Sweet), 13 Highland St., Concord, MA 01742.*

"Come, summer, come, the sweet season and sun!" The words are those of James I, of Scotland, but might have been spoken by any New England classmate. We survive to appreciate simple pleasures like being able to sit on the porch or tend a tiny flower garden. President **"Hank" Ferry** and his Amherst, MA, family are enjoying the porch and **Ruth "Simmie" Dinkel** the garden near her Concord, NH, apartment. ■ **Elizabeth Hayes Balch** had more to fear last spring, but the good news is that she and her family, living in Rogue River, OR, were not in the path of the devastating floods. ■ **John Hoyt** wrote to ask if the Old North Bridge is still intact in Concord, MA. The Minuteman statue and the current bridge, a successor to the one "that arched the flood," is still a favorite spot for taking family photographs, as he once did, and the Minutemen still march over it. John, in Lancaster, PA, "still does a lot of important math, as a hobby." The Hoyts have three children, eight grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren. Symmetry there. ■ **Fred Whittemore** writes from Salem, NY, that he uses his class cane for support in his walks. At 92, he has given up traveling. ■ **Helen Revere Hatch** hasn't. As you read this, she should be in Costa Rica on an annual visit to "this lovely country." ■ **Helen Northrop Grippin** is in the Ginger Cove Health Center. She is recovering from a fall and waiting for ribs to heal—a long process. Her daughter, Mimi, gets her mail to her. She wishes to thank all who have written to her and wants us to have this telephone number: 410/573-2845. This is different from the one in the class directory, but the same address can be used. Please write or call her! ■ I appreciate your notes, too. Think of me in the next few months as I try to deal with the construction of a much-needed library addition, practically in my back yard, with some degree of equanimity.

1929

Class Secretary: *Dr. Raymond J. Saulnier, 230 Heron Point, Chestertown, MD 21620-1676.*

We regret to report the death of **Henry E. Hunt** on May 9, 1996, in Portsmouth, NH. Henry and his wife of 54 years, Estelle Peavey Hunt (M.A. French '38), have both been very strong supporters of Middlebury College. A few years ago, Estelle summed it up in a letter to the College: "We can't fail to be sentimental about Middlebury. First, it was Bobo Sheehan '44 who gave Henry the idea of taking me out. Henry was downtown in Newport one spring evening, and Bobo asked him, 'What are you doing here on a nice spring evening like this? If I were you, I'd be taking Miss Peavey to the movies in St. Johnsbury this evening!' Henry said when he got home, he thought that wasn't a bad idea, so he phoned me! Then, the employment agency at Middlebury notified me of a vacancy in the French department in Newport. Therefore, Middlebury has been responsible for 49 years of a *very* happy marriage!" We send the condolences of the class to Estelle. A memorial for Henry appears elsewhere in this issue.

1930

Class Secretary: *Mrs. Beecher W. Dudey (Helen Kendall), 220 Ash St., Corinth, NY 12822.*

1931

REUNION CLASS

Class Secretary: *Miss Priscilla March, 103 River Mead Rd., Peterborough, NH 03458.*

Retiring Class Secretary Mary Stolte Toomey reports: The lonely eight raise our '31 canes to salute President McCardell for the charm and warmth of our homecoming. Our 65th, attended by **Phil Brewer, Parker Calvert, Walt Crocker, Dick Fear, Ken** and Jo **MacClelland, Priscilla March, Ellen Kellogg Norton**, and **Mary Stolte Toomey**, was a delightful one enlivened by the young students who awaited any and all requests. Needless to say that Deedie Calvert and Elsa Crocker were missed. We all enjoyed letters, a few with snapshots, from **Kay Hosley Ambrose, Phil Bates, Betty Pease Felt**, and **Helene Dundas Rayner**, all of whom sent regrets, as did **Nathalie Lewis Emery, Theta Conant Claflin, Ruth Wills Meade**, and **Harriet Eliot** via telephone. Nathalie was planning a summer trip to Russia. Dick was off again soon to distant parts of the universe. Theta has been dancing up a storm. She and her instructor recently placed in the top bracket in 26 out of 27 categories in the national ballroom competition at Disney World. We have a new secretary for 1931 and are fortunate that **Priscilla March,** so faithful once before, has agreed to serve again. Her new address is above; phone 603/924-0802. Do send her all your news. I extend my own thanks to those of you who made my own tenure so pleasant and interesting.

1932

Class Secretaries: *Dr. and Mrs. Gray N. Taylor (Georgiana Hulett), 133 Lawrence St., Embury 28W, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866.*

In mid-February, **Gray** and **Georgiana** moved to Embury Apartments in Wesley Health Center in Saratoga, to be warmly greeted by the community—particularly Hazel Adkins '16, Elizabeth Hack Simons '27 (niece of "Cap" Wiley '13 and Ellen E. Wiley '12), Robert Thomas '33 and his wife, Elizabeth. In early March, Gray suffered a stroke, but he is responding well to therapy. ■ **"Charkie"** (Charlotte) **Adams Merriam** is planning to attend our reunion next year. ■ **"Pat"** (Martha) **Kingman Wright** has moved from her home on Cape Cod to Wake Robin Continuing Care Community to be near her son, Robert, who teaches at UVM. Her address is 3108 Wake Robin Dr., Shelburne, VT 06482. She and **May Clark Stevens** lunched together recently. ■ The class sends sympathy to **Ed Steele**, whose wife died last June. He keeps busy at St. Albans Historical Museum, church discussion groups, and weekly meetings with the trust department he organized with the Franklin-Lamoille Bank. ■ **Mat Hess** writes that he continues to enjoy his weekly golf game—using a cart, of course! ■ **Belle Ingalls Leighton** keeps busy with four months in ME, then in the church office in Venice, FL, and an active role in AAUW. ■ **Frances Gale Dulac** plans to sell her house in Hendersonville, NC—a tough decision, as she has enjoyed her summers there. She will be at The Shores in Bradenton, FL. ■ **Jane Griswold** is still traveling, with trips to CA, Oahu, and the Caribbean. ■ **Ella Congdon Purple**'s son, Bob, retired from the 174th Air Guard with the rank of general. Son Rick was honored with a gold medal from Hamilton College for his research in retinal diseases and his long career at the Univ. of MN. Ella moans, however, that "I will die with no great-grandchildren, because the grandchildren are all too busy in school!" ■ Belated news has come of the death on April 5, 1995, of **Annie Fuller Saunders** in Neshanic Station, NJ. The class sends sympathy to husband Arthur and to her daughter. ■ We also regret to report the death of **Helen Frost Reynolds** on April 27, 1996, after a lengthy illness. A memorial appears elsewhere in this issue.

1933

Class Secretary: *Mrs. W. Dale Brown (Miriam Barber), 22 Horizon Dr., Ithaca, NY 14850.*

We send our condolences to **Clark Corliss**, whose wife of 56 years died on January 4. Clark moved in May from Mandeville, LA, to a new assisted living retirement community (354 Robert Blvd., #409, Slidell, LA 70458; phone 504/639-3845) just a mile from his daughter's home. He has an arthritic knee that limits his activity, but continues to drive and gets about with a cane. Thank you for writing, Clark. ■ We also regret to report the death of **Reginald K. House** on May 8, 1996, and send the condolences of the class to his family. For his 50th Reunion autobiography, he wrote, "I have many fond memories of those college days. There is no question that the College was a great influence on my life." A memorial appears elsewhere in this issue. ■ **Elizabeth Nesbitt** had the misfortune of falling outside her apartment, hitting her head on concrete. The resulting brain concussion meant a slow recovery. She has been declared fine, so let's drop her a cheery line! ■ **Allyn White** (aka "Pete" in Midd days) was waiting for consultation with a specialist for help with treating a medical problem, when last contacted. We wish him well! ■ A blanket *Happy Birthday!* to our four May birth date classmates, with apologies. Due to eye surgery, your secretary lost not only time, but also (temporarily) the cards and list of names. Really sorry, friends! ■ New address AFTER September 1, 1996, for Dale and **Mim Barber Brown**: 2830 Elmwood Ln., Mount Dora, FL 32757. This will be permanent!

1934

Class Secretaries: *Mrs. Andrew W. Reid (Eleanor Orde), 25 Hough Rd., Lebanon, NH 03766; and James A. Fechheimer, 26 Salem Way, Glen Head, NY 11545.*

Marion Goodale's excellent article on her childhood skiing experiences appeared recently in the Williamstown, MA, *Advocate*. Beginning with staves from an old wooden barrel strapped to their feet, Marion and her sister went "skiing" in long white flannel underwear covered by black cotton stockings and leggings (with tiny buttons from ankle to knee). Over this little girls wore dresses with at least one petticoat and a pair of bloomers, both held up by a double tier of buttons on an underwaist. Marion also describes their father's Model T Ford, with isinglass curtains for the winter. Of course, there was no antifreeze, so radiators had to be drained every night in freezing weather! Imagine cranking a car to start it when the grease had congealed in the cold! As Marion puts it: "Little wonder that most folks 'put their cars up' for the winter." In about 1927, Marion received her first *real* skis. Held on only by toe straps, they were carried to the top of a slope then donned for the downhill ride. Later she devised pieces of rope to strap the skis to her heels so that she could "herringbone" up a gradual slope instead of walking up. Later still she acquired a simple harness to hold the feet firmly in place, adding bamboo ski poles and blue-tinted glasses to reduce the glare. Marion never had ski boots or even high-top boots of any kind. The common attire for active feet consisted of heavy socks over laced moccasins. Our thanks to Marion for sharing her remembrances. ■ In May 1995, **Gertrude Hewitt Lathrop** and a friend enjoyed a tour of the British Isles. She writes that they arrived at Shannon Airport and traveled in Ireland, Wales, the Isle of Skye, Scotland, and England, ending with several days in London. Gertrude admits that she did not kiss the Blarney Stone in Blarney Castle near Cork, because there were just too many stone steps to climb. ■ **John Reilly** was featured as "a true Adirondack Natural Resource" recently in the *North Creek* (NY) *News-Enterprise*. A math teacher at Johnsburg Central School from 1935 until his retirement in 1978, John also served as vice principal of the high school. Since retiring, John and wife Mikie have enjoyed a great deal of traveling in Europe. He mentions trips to Spain, Portugal, Fatima, and Lourdes, and especially remembers their trip to Medjoria, Yugoslavia. Famous for his sense of humor, John said, "I figured you had to get their attention in the beginning of class, then everyone was focused and ready to get busy." Only one of his stories was quoted in this article: "I hope this rain keeps up so it won't keep coming down." ■ **Eleanor Orde Reid** escaped some of winter's fury and enjoyed a February cruise through the Panama Canal. Boarding the *Royal Princess* at Acapulco, Mexico, the passage through the canal locks was the highlight of the cruise. There were excursions in Costa Rica, Colombia, Aruba, St. Thomas, and St. John, as well as a few days in San Juan, Puerto Rico. Then home again to winter's snows. ■ Again your secretaries appeal to our classmates to let us know what you are doing—Elderhostel trips, study groups, whatever is of interest. We would like to hear from you.

1935

Class Secretaries: *Miss Avis E. Fischer, Wood River Vge., #J102, 3200 Bensalem Blvd., Bensalem, PA 19020; and Alma Davis Struble (Mrs. Robert), 1977 Marlboro Rd., Kennett Square, PA 19348.*

A note from **Louise Feather Waggoner** brought the sad news of the death of **Patience Lyon Crowley**. Pat's activities had been severely curtailed recently, but she had been active in Middlebury alumni affairs and served as a trustee for the Kimball Public Library. At college Pat was on the class teams in hockey and volleyball, was on the dean's list sophomore year, and was a member of the choir her junior year. To Pat's four daughters and son the class sends sympathy. ■ A note from Barbara Millar tells us of the death of **James S. Millar**. In his 1985 autobiography, Jim reported how much they enjoyed living in Portsmouth, NH, and how the historical and cultural ambiance of the place helped to shape their life-style. In college he was interested in intramural and class sports and dramatics. The class extends sympathy to Barbara and his brothers and sisters. ■ **Matt Korwin** and his wife have moved back to CA and are glad to be near son Bob. Daughter Cindy travels from MD for visits. A stroke has limited his physical activities, but he still enjoys walking and swimming. He remembers with plea-

sure the daily (except Saturday) gatherings at Chapel, the professors, and the magnificent scenery surrounding the College. "Attending Middlebury College in its unique setting was probably one of the finest experiences in my life." ■ Valentine's Day is special for **Natalie Dunsmoor**. Besides sending out many contemporary valentines, she displayed her fine collection of old valentines in the Bloomfield Senior Center. She was looking forward to driving (alone) to Midd for reunion weekend to sing in the Alumni Choir, as she has done ever since it started. After visiting relatives and friends for a week, she was heading to Boston for a U.C.C. Church Women's national convention. She is "still keeping up the old homestead, where I have lived for almost 82 years." ■ **Jean Wiley Zwickel** spent two weeks in Cuba, meeting people and working on a ranch. She writes, "They say that at our age we should be thinking of the hereafter. Well, Every time I go to the pantry I think 'What am I here after?'" And so say we all. ■ As we expected, **Gertrude Knight Cleverdon** is chairing the library committee at her new retirement community, Rivermead, in Peterborough, NH. So many books arrive with each new resident that this is a big job, but Gertrude says she loves it. ■ **Louise Fleig Newman** spent most of the winter hosting family members who are scattered from TX to TN to OK and KS. This year, Valentine's Day fell on the day Louise volunteers at a Ft. Worth hospital. She had a "wild afternoon," checking on locations for over 60 recipients of "gorgeous arrangements and numerous bouquets of a dozen roses." ■ Congratulations to Mabel and **Warren G. Brown**, who celebrated their 40th anniversary on April 14 in Bernardston, MA, with an open house given by members of their family. ■ **Virginia Easler Wilson** describes a tour to Costa Rica she and Carroll took in February, including six days on a French sailing yacht. Sixty passengers and a "wonderful young crew" went through the Panama Canal and then to some Pacific islands, where they made wet landings by Zodiac. We have heard from others that such landings leave much to be desired, but the Wilsons made no such comment. They must still be agile and venturesome!

1936

Reunion Class

Class Secretaries: *Mrs. M.W. Herrington (Auretta Hanson), P.O. Box 390, Saranac Lake, New York 12983; and Mr. Richard Dempewolff, RR 1, Box 29E, Henryville, PA 18332.*

After holding commencement exercises for 550 graduates on May 26, Middlebury College welcomed alums to reunion weekend on May 31 to June 2. It was reported that 1,651 guests were entertained, the largest number in the history of reunions. Among that number was the Class of 1936, celebrating its 60th Reunion. We had 23 classmates and six spouses. While most of our classmates came from the Northeast, we salute **Douglas Rubb,** who came all the way from Australia to join us for this great occasion! The College was the perfect host with excellent housing accommodations in Gifford Hall, next to Mead Chapel, with meals in Proctor Hall, Pepin Gymnasium, and at the president's house. Various types of entertainment were planned in which we participated. Of course, the main gathering for all the classes was Convocation, held in Mead Chapel on Saturday morning. Our fine 60th Reunion banner, made by **Phyllis Sanderson,** hung in the Chapel during Convocation, displaying a diamond ring and the phrase "And we are still sparkling." The highlight of Convocation was the announcement that the Class of 1936 had raised $439,176 and had achieved 100 percent participation in contributing to the gift. We can be proud of our class's loyalty to the College, as we are the only class in the history of the College to obtain 100 percent of our classmates' autobiographies for our 50th Reunion and now we have also attained 100 percent participation in our class gift. It was nice to be honored for having reached these goals. Gift chairs **Mary Williams Brackett, Dick Chase**, and **Dick Hubbard** were called to the podium to receive the Gold Key Award, for the greatest percentage of participation in a post 50th reunion class. After Convocation we went to the president's home, where we were joined by the 50th Reunion class as guests of President McCardell for a fine luncheon. Saturday evening we enjoyed an excellent dinner in the Proctor Hall dining room. Our guest for the evening was Dr. Stephen A. Freeman, who was our French professor when we were students and later served as the College vice president. **Dick Chase** served as master of ceremonies and, after dinner, presented slides of each attending classmate, projected on a screen from our Class of 1936 *Kaleidoscope*. He then asked each person to tell about their life's profession and other activities of interest. It was a wonderful program and great opportunity to reacquaint ourselves. On Sunday morning, before the Chapel service, we dedicated a maple tree near Old Chapel. The one we planted in 1936 was struck by lightning in 1984 and died. The one we planted at our 50th Reunion also had an unfortunate fate, due to the extremely cold weather in 1995, and had to be removed. We are grateful to our reunion committee members, **Maggie Leach Harris, Louise Hubbard McCoy**, and **Dick Hubbard**. It was an outstanding reunion and was enjoyed by all. The College and its staff were most gracious and contributed greatly to a wonderful 60th. We would also like to express our gratitude and appreciation to **Ed** and **Ruth McNulty Howard** for their devotion to our class as class secretaries. Heartfelt thanks to you both, Ed and Ruth! With the autumn column, we welcome two new class secretaries, **Auretta Hanson Herrington** and **Dick Dempewolff.** Let them hear from you frequently.

1937

Class Secretaries: *Mrs. Barbara Hopkins (Barbara Gregory), 1021 W. Devonshire Rd., Delafield, WI 53018; and the Rev. Loring D. Chase, 10 Surry Hill Dr., Keene, NH 03431.*

Mildred Trask Roesch is thankful for her active and happy life. Last year's special events included a cruise to the North Cape, through the Fjords, with fantastic scenery. She also enjoyed a wonderful 80th birthday surprise with her whole family—from great-grandson Ethan on up—and many friends in attendance. She was looking forward to a June trip to the Univ. of CT for the graduation of her youngest grandson. ■ **Isabelle McCann Rogovin** writes that at long last they have completely remodeled their CT home to make it wheelchair accessible. While doing so, they also added a new kitchen, central air, and a new deck. She and her husband found winter to be boring because so many things of interest were canceled, but naturally winter's blasts did remind them of Midd! ■ Bob and **Dottie Mathison Scott** planned to spend a great winter "grand-parenting" in Middlebury with daughter Joanne and family, with a good bit of downhill skiing at the Bowl on the side. During the Christmas season, however, Bob became aware of tightness and pain in his chest, leading to a decision to do a triple bypass and valve repairs. Because of his excellent physical condition, his recovery has been excellent and he was planning to be back to skiing and hiking next season. Meanwhile he had firm plans for golfing this May and going to the Cape as usual for the summer. But, as Dottie says, "this takes a lot out of a person." We all wish you well and continued recovery. ■ Many recent letters have started with "we survived the winter," as did that of **Marshall Sewell, Jr.** However, after the three-day 28-inch blizzard, he escaped to FL and SC in February. "Smart move!" Marshall's major activity is volunteering with the Pinelands Preservation Alliance in an effort to keep his South Jersey wilderness from being developed. ■ **Barbara Weaver Street** wrote of her delight in finally seeing signs of spring. Spending winter at home on the banks of the Housatonic, their winter entertainment consisted of being visited by wild turkeys, eagles, cardinals, and assorted winter birds. During the winter, husband Jack suffered a "medium-sized" stroke, but his recovery has been a real miracle. He is now walking, talking, and doing very well, in spite of blindness in his left eye. ■ During an April visit to Middlebury, **Lewis Shipman** discovered that his grandson, Justin, was living in the same room in Hepburn he shared with **Dick Taylor** during our freshman year! He got to see Justin play the part of Jimmy in *Look Back in Anger*. ■ **Erwin Warren** described the rains and flooding in OR last winter. Although his family was safe, many nearby friends had to abandon their homes. His two children arranged a wonderful surprise 50th anniversary party last summer. Incidentally, if any of you ever plan a trip to AK, write to Erwin. He knows and loves Alaska and has a trip planned for this fall. ■ **Eileen Whitney Wilson** suffered a mild heart attack in November, but has recovered well. She's busy with grandchildren, volunteering, and church activities. Last summer Eileen spent a delightful week with **Cay Branch Frasure** in Cincinnati, and later visited with **Doris Cutting** at Wake Robin in Shelburne, VT. Eileen was already looking forward to our 60th Reunion. ■ **Muriel Voter Williams** remembers marveling how old and bent the "old alums" were who came back for the 50th and 55th. But then she discovered we were still young at that time—and looking forward to our 60th! She was planning a trip to the national parks in the Northwest this summer. Youngest son Roger is returning to VT from Hollywood, and son Wesley is in the horticulture business in NH. ■ Having lived in WI for a time, **Winston R. Wordsworth** found that FL's "worst winter in years" was quite endurable. In spite of a quintuple bypass last year, he is playing golf and tennis again and in great shape. Still busy with his wicker and rattan furniture store, The Rain Thatch, he wonders if he will ever retire. He sends greetings to all 37ers. ■ **Beulah Shepard Towne** writes that, after a short experiment with a luxury car, they decided that they preferred a "mobile home." So, in October, they drove their second mobile home to FL expecting to stay four months. The cold, rainy weather in FL sent them north to visit with **Marge Fielden Kimball** in Raleigh, NC—where they were snowbound for four days, giving them time for a great visit! They headed for home just in time for two more blizzards, and so went Beulah's winter. She and Marge Kimball are both planning to come to our 60th and hope many more '37ers will, too. Mark your calendars now to be in Middlebury from May 30 to June 1, 1997.

1938

Class Secretaries: *Miss Madeline S. Buttles, 33 Christian Ave., Concord, NH 30301; and Mr. Allison S. Beebe, RR 3, Box 8324, Heritage Hill #13, Rutland, VT 05701.*

Bet Osborne Hadden and Jim Peeler, classmates at Poughkeepsie High School, had not seen each other since graduation. Last year, they chanced to meet when Jim was visiting his son and family in the Poughkeepsie/Hyde Park area and evidently one thing led to another, because they were married on November 24. They spent the winter at Jim's FL home and were returning to Hyde Park for the summer. Bet writes: "Jim has two daughters and a son, six grandchildren. So I've married into a large, wonderful family. Our wedding was just family, surrounded by so much love." Bet has a daughter, Linda, and a son, Jim. ■ "Tut" and **Gatesie (Betty Gates) Tuttle** are involved in a senior program at the Harvard Institute for Learning in Retirement. Tut's course (What is history?) and Betty's course (God, faith, fact, fiction, fantasy) "sometimes coincide in the same period of history, often surprising us with fresh new approaches, always stimulating and challenging. How we enjoy keeping the brain circuit working!" The Tuttles are also active with their church, friends, sailing, and grandchildren. ■ **Becki Abbott Brooks** spent the winter in San Francisco. She visited **Jean Clarke Gage** in Tiburon, noting that she had a "lovely time, as usual." She also accompanied three friends to Ashland, OR, where they attended the OR Shakespeare Festival. ■ Chuck '37 and **Helene Cosenza Chase** and Bill and Rita Cosenza Moore '37 were cruising recently aboard the *Star Princess*, enjoying visits to Nassau, St. Thomas, and St. Croix. ■ **Janet Randall Morgan** recently talked with **Phyllis Malcolm Mithassel** who had experienced eye surgery but was doing well and thankful that she was not on one of her freighter trips when the mishap occurred. ■ **E. Barnum Gardner**, who fell and broke her femur (thigh bone) in early winter, has had a marvelous recovery, with the help of Wake Robin therapy and Frank's care. ■ Charlotte Adams Merriam '32 was so enthusiastic about her move to Havenwood (a retirement colony in Concord, NH) that **Madeline Buttles** wrote to her for information. After several visits over a period of time, Madeline is gradually moving into Havenwood and is as pleased with her studio apartment as Charlotte still is with hers. Madeline was returning to Rutland for the summer to keep up her volunteer activities. ■ **Marge Arnold Cady**'s writing workshop, "Voices from the Basement," continued to meet weekly at Ilsley Library during the spring and summer. A charter member of the CT writing project, Marge has led teacher workshops in CT and has worked as a writing specialist with people of all ages, from third grade to senior citizens. ■ On March 22-23, 1996, **Helen Thomas Stone** celebrated her 80th birthday at her home in Tulsa, OK. Her three sons and their wives and two of her grandchildren traveled from all over the country to celebrate the event with her. Highlight of the celebration was a viewing of a video tape transfer of film of family events taken over the last 40 years by her late husband, Paul. Our thanks to Helen's son, Ralph Stone '61, for letting us know. ■ It saddens us to report the death of **Doris Fife McGowan** on April 10. Doris was an American history major at Midd and taught for 33 years in NH. She is remembered as a gracious, friendly, hard-working classmate. The class sends its deepest sympathy to her family.

1939

Class Secretaries: *Mr. and Mrs. Thor B. Gustafson (Carol Miner), One Prudence La., Brookside, NJ 07926; and Mrs. Raymond J. Skinner (Ruth Coleman), Brainerd St., P.O. Box 52, Danville, VT 05828.*

The spring issue of *Middlebury Magazine* reported the death of **Borden Avery** in March. Due to economic conditions, Borden was only able to attend Middlebury for one year but, in a true sense, he never left. As you read in his memorial in the spring issue, Borden figuratively climbed many peaks of achievement and rendered service to his family, the communities in which he lived and worked, to the state of VT, and to our College. He and his wife, **Louise Roberts Avery**, were a team and together their accomplishments have been truly outstanding. He will be missed. Among those attending the memorial service in Norwich, VT, were Art '38 and **Beverly Browning Gilbert, Marjorie Marsh Veronneau, Pat Brewer Chadwick, Bettie Letson, Marjorie Kohr Lovell**, and **Ruthie Coleman Skinner**. ■ We also regret to report the death of **Arthena Gregg Atwood** on March 13. Her memorial appeared in the spring issue. ■ We were distressed to learn that **Irene Fernandez Anderson** was in a terrible automobile accident in January, when the car in which she was riding was struck by an 18-wheeler truck. She was in a coma for three weeks, but has made a miraculous recovery since then. Her extensive head injuries resulted in the loss of sight in one eye, but she has shown great courage and strength and has now resumed some of her favorite pastimes, including golf. We are all very thankful for your recovery, Irene. ■ **Jerry Cole** left the cold of Flagstaff and returned to Chandler, AZ, for the winter. Last October he attended his 60th high school reunion in Williamstown, MA, and found many things had changed since his days there. ■ **Pat Brewer Chadwick** and **Bettie Letson** enjoyed a visit to New York in April. They attended opera performances, as well as seeing the Fabergé exhibit at the Metropolitan Museum. ■ It was good to have a note from **Jane Howard Fiske**. Writing from Middlebury, she said that town and college flags were at half mast following the plane crash that killed Ron Brown '62, a trustee of the College. Jane's birthday in April was an occasion for celebration with her offspring and grandchildren. ■ In February, **Norman Smith** was off to Puerto Rico with friends on an outdoor camping and hiking excursion, including diving in coral reefs. They also planned to do the entire circumference of the island, and then the mountain ranges. He will be having a season of sailing this summer. ■ Marilyn and **Bill Stoops** had a week's stay in Paris in April, getting to know the city.

1940

Class Secretaries: *Bob and Bobbie Plumer Alden, 51 Otterside Ct., Middlebury, VT 05753.*

Our column is alive and well, thanks to all of you who sent us some news! ■ **Frankie Cornwall Hutner** enjoyed five March days of skiing at Stowe with daughter Louise and her children. Frankie's working on another book and is now a member of the VT Women's Fund Council. ■ Having a son at the Pacific Fleet headquarters, Ed and **Marjorie Poor Doyle** celebrated their 50th anniversary with a three-week visit to HI. Returning to a cold winter in VT, they later wished it had been for three months. ■ Since retiring from teaching, **Betty Carpenter Metcalf** has put her energy into cross-stitch artworks, decorating their walls with depictions of her husband's garden products and New England scenes. ■ After a lovely vacation in Majorca, where she played tennis every day, **Tina Ansart Mayo** came home to find that the pipes had burst! All new hardwood floors had to be installed and all her furniture had to be refinished. At least, she wrote, she didn't have to do any spring cleaning! She has booked a 21-day trip to Scotland, England, and Wales in October. ■ **Talbot Hamlin** wrote a great letter about his many activities. Last October, Allison accompanied Talbot and his brother to visit their mother's four surviving brothers (ages 88 to 101!) and various friends and cousins in London. They also got to Paris and visited many places they had known as kids living in France. Before going to Europe, Talbot attended the memorial concert for **Cameron McGraw** in Abington, PA. Talbot has edited an Oxford Univ. Press ESL writing text and also wrote a teacher's guide for the text. ■ **Priscilla Bateson Eldridge**'s newsy letter told of the cruise she and Henry took on the waterways of the Tzarus from Moscow to St. Petersburg with the combined Middlebury, Skidmore, Vassar, and Harvard group. They were also looking forward to a Danish cruise with a group from Henry's alma mater, Brown Univ. Of their four grandchildren, one received a master's in art history from Williams in June, one graduated from Princeton in June, one is a student at Mills, and one will spend her junior year abroad as an Oxford scholar. The Eldridges enjoy having **Bob** and **Lois Whittier Pickard** as neighbors. ■ Marge and **Lute Buttolf** enjoy fishing and waterfront restaurants along the intercoastal waterway from their FL condo, located on a connecting canal. Their five children are all on the Internet, giving them all instant communication. Lute also has excellent fishing on Skaneateles Lake (NY) in summer. Lute and son John recently took a tour of China and traced the steps of his great-grandparents, who were missionaries there in the early 1860s. ■ **Jean Sweeney Hancock** was in a nasty car accident on December 17, when a 16-year-old driver crossed her bow and totalled her car. Although she had a bruised sternum and whiplash, there were no broken bones. Jean managed to see the humorous side, reporting that there are certain things that you cannot do with a bruised sternum—especially sneezing, coughing, and yawning. And there's a whole new procedure for getting out of bed. She's hoping not to meet up with any 16-year-olds in her new Buick Century wagon! They had a large family gathering last summer and keep busy with church, bowling, and visits from relatives. ■ Returning from a wonderful cruise to San Juan, St. Thomas, Martinique, Granada, Curaçao, the Panama Canal, and Acapulco, **Bobbie Carrick Brooker** was ready for spring and gardening. We keep in touch by frequent visits in the A&P and the Grand Union. ■ Missing Bill, **Jane Appleton Blackmore** has sold her home and was moving to North Conway, NH, on May 1 to be with her daughter. She says she would go crazy without her art work. She has eight grandchildren and four great-grandchildren, the last two being twin boys. She'll miss riding over to Middlebury for lunch and shopping. ■ **Mildred Clarke Crassweller** lived in Stamford, CT, but traveled all over while her husband, Robert, was practicing international law. She now loves living in Chapel Hill, where she keeps busy with tennis and golf, and belongs to a theatrical group. They have three children. ■ **Senatro LaBella** wrote from Boynton Beach, FL, where they winter. They take at least one trip a year, last year to Central America. They en-

Class Act

Happy Trails to You

Middlebury was **Bob Northrop**'s college of choice when he finished high school in Belmont, MA, at age 16, so he sent in his application before setting off for his first trip on the Long Trail. After following the mountain's spine 265 miles, from Massachusetts to Quebec, he arrived back home in August to find that his acceptance letter had indeed arrived. Looking back, he says he has no idea what he would have done if Middlebury had turned him down—he had applied to no other colleges.

Northrop '42 also had no way of knowing that he would eventually live in the shadow of Mt. Mansfield, after attending other schools, working as a machinist, and serving in World War II—where his Middlebury French came in very handy as an interpreter and newscaster. Moving to Vermont in 1958, he taught math until 1977 and also raised sheep, sold wool, headed the Electric Co-op, chaired the school board, and headed the Vermont Mozart Festival board. He also continued to hike the Long Trail at 10-year intervals to celebrate his 50th, 60th, and 70th birthdays.

And so it comes as no surprise that Northrop is celebrating his 75th birthday by hitting the trail again. This time he has added a new twist. Striding forth on July 8, he's also walking to raise $75,000 to help the Green Mountain Club preserve the trail from development and purchase unprotected land along the trail. Carrying a 35-pound pack for three weeks requires a lot of his "souped-up carbo drink," made with dried egg white, carbohydrate powder, brewer's yeast, and soluble vitamin C, along with "power bars" and hot suppers of dehydrated food.

Although his training has included arduous months on the rowing machine, weight lifting, pushups, and snowshoeing, Northrop looks at it as his contribution to the future of the Long Trail. "I've never worked on the Trail even though I've benefited from the work of other dedicated people," he says. "So, I feel I can give something back this way." ■

joyed the Mayan Empire, Guatemala, Honduras, and Yucatan, Mexico. They were advised not to go to Israel and Egypt this year, due to the bombings. They were heading back to Barneveld, NY, after Easter. ■ **Glen Leggett** writes that he is reasonably well and now has 13 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren. They are planning another big family reunion for 1998, when he will be 80. He has given up tennis, but is still chasing ("slowly") bird dogs and fly-fishing in MO, CO, and points west. He hopes to see all of us at our 60th in 2000, which leads him to say what we all know: that age slows down everything except hope. ■ **Louise Jenkins Moench** and her husband bought a home in Palm Coast, FL, two years ago to avoid shoveling snow in NJ. They are getting acquainted down there and Lucille was looking forward to an AAUW luncheon and a talk on the historic houses of St. Augustine. **Lois Gillette Thorkilsen** has tried to get them to visit her and go boogie boarding, but they don't think they're up to that. Their seventh grandchild was born in September in DE. The rest of the family live out west. ■ Our letter caught up with **Loring Pratt** while he and his wife were traveling in their motor home, visiting their son and family in Bakersfield, CA. They now have 23 grandchildren and a great-grandchild—but remember, they had 9 children! Loring seems to hold the record for our class. He is looking forward to our 60th and hopes to return to Midd for a great weekend. ■ **John Gale** wrote that on February 13, 1996, they welcomed Shawn Thomas Gale, their fourth grandchild, first grandson, and a great-great-grandson of John M. Thomas, president of Middlebury College from 1908 to 1921. ■ **Charlie Straight** wrote from FL, where they have had many wall-to-wall sessions with doctors. His wife, Paula, had a heart attack last August and now sports a pacemaker. In February, she had a five-hour back operation, fusing three vertebrae and adding several pieces of hardware to her back. On the lighter side, Charlie reports that, after three years of uninterrupted growth, his 12-foot podrepuff bush got zapped by a January cold snap. However, he expects it to grow back from its roots, as it has done in other years. ■ We send the sympathy of the class to the family of **Margaret Jones Emerson**, who died on March 30, 1996. A memorial appears elsewhere in this issue. ■ We thank you all for a great response to our letter requesting news. Please keep the news coming so that we will have an interesting column every time. We had a great winter of skiing, playing indoor tennis, and being spectators at a great season of College sports.

1941

Reunion Class

Class Secretary: *Lester W. Ingalls, P.O. Box 583, Middlebury, VT 05753; and Mrs. Edwin A. Riggs, Jr. (Dodie Lathrop), 46 Charles St., Auburn, NY 13021.*

Well over 80 of our classmates and spouses assembled on the College campus for our 55th Reunion. As promised, the skies were clear and sunny, the temperatures most salubrious. A highlight of the occasion was the induction of **John Hicks** into Phi Beta Kappa by President McCardell at Saturday morning's Alumni Convocation in Mead Chapel. John was honored for his distinguished career as a professor of English and American literature, and his editorship of *The Massachusetts Review*. **Helen "Westie" Burbank** was recognized, as well, by the Alumni Association with presentation of the Alumni Plaque, its highest award, for her stalwart volunteer activities for the College and our class. Our congratulations to both of these outstanding members of '41. We are all to be congratulated for presenting a reunion gift to the College of $156,371, with participation from 86 percent of our class. Well done! Our special class activities on Saturday, June 1, included a memorial observance for our departed classmates. Our class chaplain, the Rev. **Charles Bartlett**, delivered a short, yet stirring eulogy, as we stood in respectful silence around our class tree, a sturdy, red oak that we dedicated five years ago at our 50th. After a full day of lectures, tours, and a superb luncheon *al fresco* at President McCardell's home, the reunion culminated with a festive dinner in Proctor Hall. In the comfortable setting of the faculty dining room, we enjoyed an evening of warm fellowship. Earlier in the day, at Convocation, President McCardell had announced that the Student Center would be named in honor of Frank and **Janice Eldridge Day**. At our banquet Jan Day presented a bronze tablet to **Sumner House**, memorializing the volunteer contributions of the late **Elaine "Topsy" Wadlund House** to the College and our class during her many years as class secretary. The tablet will be installed in an appropriate location in the Student Center. The evening's program, chaired by **Les Ingalls**, also included a report from our class agent, **"Westie" Burbank**, about our 25th Reunion class gift in support of the College Library. That fund, grown by astute investment, now produces annual income of $8,000, sufficient to purchase almost 200 volumes in 1995-96 for the science collection. Little did we know then how important our gift would become! Next the redoubtable **Mildred "Becky" Becker Elefante**, a former alumni trustee, spoke to us enthusiastically of the growth of Middlebury College's international reputation, from the College that we came to know in 1937, to the Middlebury that we now know. **John Hicks** followed with a most thoughtful and eloquent essay encompassing the development of the sense of place that we all derived from the Middlebury experience. Copies of Becky's and John's remarks, as well as Charlie Bartlett's eulogy, will be sent to you shortly. Altogether, our 55th Reunion was a delightful, spirited occasion. We missed those who could not join us, and we came away with renewed joy in our lifelong affiliation with this special place and our friendship with each other. ■ Sadly, we must report the death of **Dick Treat** whose memorial appears elsewhere in this issue. Dick will be remembered for his irrepressible wit and his enthusiasm for sports, a beloved friend, and a devoted alumnus. Our deepest sympathy goes to his family. ■ **Barbara Babcock Pfeil** has informed us of her new address: 73 Morningside Commons, Brattleboro, VT 05301. ■ Lastly, please send us your news to keep this column lively until the 60th in 2001!

1942

Class Secretaries: *Mr. and Mrs. John F. Bates (Nancy Rindfusz), 341 Long Reach Dr., Salem, SC 29676.*

Don't miss the profile of **Bob Northrop** in this section. He's out on the Long Trail again and more determined than ever to raise money to save the Trail. Please send us a report after you have completed your journey, Bob–and after you've rested and regained some of the 25 pounds you will have lost at the end of your arduous hike! ■ We regret to report the death of **Dorothy Edmonds Mahoney** on April 10, 1996. We send the sympathy of the class to her family.

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Class Secretaries: *Mrs. J.G. Krieble (Amanda Sanborne), 3646 Tolland Rd., Shaker Heights, OH 44122; and Dr. John S. Gale, 24 Beach Rd., Gloucester, MA 01930.*

On May 6, a special Presidential Commendation was awarded to **Ralph S. Crawshaw**, MD, "in recognition of his unique vision and leadership in the ethical delivery of health care and for inspiration to all psychiatrists." In 1968 he established the Benjamin Rush Foundation for charitable service to the poor. He later founded the Northwest Foundation for Children, in response to the needs of homeless and abandoned children. He organized the Friends of Medicine, a support group to help suicidal physicians and, in 1982, he founded OR Health Decisions, a citizen organization seeking to empower citizens in making the difficult ethical decisions presented by advanced medical technology. In 1988 ten of these organizations formed American Health Decisions, naming Ralph as chair of the board. The organization now includes 17 states. All this in addition to his work with other professional groups and his nearly 100 published articles on medicine and health care delivery. Congratulations, Ralph, for your many contributions! ■ Word is that **Kay Sempepos Silliman** continues to do well. She and Cutler went to a "marvelous" Elderhostel in Oaxaca, Mexico, last winter. They took in two more Elderhostels in San Francisco in March. While in CA, they enjoyed a visit with **Beth Warner Carney** in Santa Cruz. And this fall they plan a trip to Buenos Aires to meet their first grandchild. ■ When we talked with **George Grant** he was struggling with a computer that seemed to have a mind of its own—a feeling no doubt familiar to many of his classmates! During the winter, he visited his brother in FL and saw **Ed Grosvenor**. In spring he enjoyed a two-week tour of Ireland. George reports that he's in good shape and is looking forward to accompanying wife Beverly (Beach) '47 when she comes back to Middlebury for her 50th Reunion in 1997. ■ **Ralph Barclay** tells us that he has become a "health hobbyist," with much interest in how various nutritional factors affect the body in health and disease. He adds that his friends don't always accept his advice in such matters. He occasionally meets **John Barmby**, who lives in nearby Vienna, VA, for lunch. ■ We contacted **Harry Rossi** just as he returned to Cincinnati from a winter of fishing and golf in FL. This spring, he and wife Jane visited some of the former Soviet Union satellites, including Poland and the Czech Republic. He said Poland appeared to be getting along well, except for the inflation problem, and he was very enthusiastic about Prague's beauty. They still spend two summer months in Stowe, and sometimes he joins **Bob Adsit** for dinner at the Mt. Mansfield Trout Club. Harry's new phone number in OH is 513/821-7262. ■ Peggy and **Dumont Rush** continue to enjoy life in Middlebury. They remain there during winter, saying they enjoy the cold weather. They are both very active in the program to raise dogs for the Guiding Eyes for the Blind. They bring up Labradors and are in charge of recruiting others in northern VT to raise puppies. The puppies are transferred to foster homes at about seven or eight weeks of age, and remain there until 14 to 18 months of age, at which time the dogs are placed in the hands of the trainers. Dumont tells us that he and Peggy have placed 155 dogs in northern VT during the past five years. However, life is not *all* work for them. A windjammer cruise off the ME coast was planned for this fall.

1944

Class Secretaries: *Dr. and Mrs. Neil Atkins (Marylu Graham), 12 Carter Rd., New London, NH 03257.*

We regret to report the death of **Laurence M. Selleck** on November 2, 1995. Leaving Middlebury in June 1942, for naval aviation training, he served as a Marine dive-bomber pilot during World War II. He was married to Eileen (O'Hagan) and had a young son when he returned to graduate with a "veteran's degree" in 1947. While in Middlebury he also operated the airport with **Al Kelley, Pete Jennison**, Jack Heywood '47, and Chuck Kitchell '42. During the Korean conflict, Larry rejoined the Marine active reserve, flying Corsairs, and decided to make a career of it, retiring as a Lt. Col. in 1969. Following the death of his first wife in 1964, he married second wife Ok Soon. During his career he served in Korea, Okinawa, Japan, the Caribbean, VA, DC, NC, FL, and CA. After retirement they lived in ME, NH, CT, TX, and finally CA. He was active in work with Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Explorers, and Sea Cadets, and earned 35 credits toward a master's degree. His father flew in combat in France in World War I and his son, Larry, became a captain with US Air, so he was proud of the three generations of pilots in his family. ■ We are also sorry to report that **Doris Orth Pike** died on April 22, after falling and hitting her head at home. Long an advocate of teaching English to immigrant students, Dorie's accomplishments in this field and in other volunteer service areas were publicly recognized through numerous awards in recent years. We extend the sympathy of our class to her husband, Otis, and her children. ■ **Al** and Hedy Hogg '45 **Boissevain** were off on another Elderhostel—this time to Prague, Budapest, and Vienna. They're celebrating his Second Best in Show award for amateur winemaking, for his Viognier Varietal. Competition included winemakers in all of CA. Al says the award will help sell his crop to professional winemakers. Congratulations! ■ In recent issues we have reported the growing number of 50th wedding anniversaries, including our own in May. This time we have news of grandchildren to report. **Barbara Slade Wyman** returned to VT from her winter stay in CA, having welcomed a new grandson there. ■ **Bill** and **Ingrid Monk Stevenson** attended the wedding of a granddaughter in December. ■ **Shirley West Johnson** writes of the arrival of a new granddaughter recently. She and husband Leight were leaving for a trip down the Danube via a river boat, through Hungary and Germany and back to Vienna. ■ Last Thanksgiving **Edith Johansen Connellee**'s first great-grandchild, a boy named Kyle, was born. Time marches on, folks. ■ **Arthur S. "Stod" Johnson** is still wearing his Midd T-shirt and having chance encounters with people who went to or know of Middlebury. "Just the other night at the Toledo ACLU dinner a woman told me that her daughter-in-law studied Chinese in the summer schools," he reports. He has also encountered Midd grads in Kemah, TX, Fripp Island and St. Helena Island (in SC), and in Dan, VA. He recommends putting a Midd sticker on your car and/or wearing a Midd shirt to meet interesting people as you travel. ■ In early April, Dorothy and **Bob Reuman** were invited to the Freiburg opening of a traveling exhibit sponsored by the German federal government. The exhibit commemorated the Quaker sponsored relief and rehabilitation service in Germany after World Wars I and II. The Reumans were the directors of the Freiburg Studentenhaus from 1951 to 1953. "It was a grand event with long heartfelt testimonies from various dignitaries," Bob writes. "At Midd I still remember Prof. Skillings' powerful memories of the tearful gratitude of German families after World War I as he helped with the Quakerspeise which rescued so many children from starvation." ■ Many thanks to those who responded to our plea for news!

1945

Class Secretaries: *Mrs. Robert W. Allen (Marian Bailey), 2175 S. Ocean Blvd., #206, Delray Beach, FL 33483; and Mr. Peter Q. McKee, 26 Turtleback Road, P.O. Box 197, Sunapee, NH 03782.*

A newsy letter from **Ann Robinson Walker** recounts the cruise she and husband Bill took aboard the *Radisson Diamond*. In the Virgin Islands, they witnessed the devastation wrought by hurricanes Luis and Marilyn. Before embarking in Puerto Caldera, Costa Rica, they visited Tortuguero National Park (named after the turtles that nest there). Mud slides and high winds, blowing down limbs and branches, made the Costa Rican trip almost a daylong affair, but abundant wildlife and lovely birds made it all worthwhile. Passing through the Panama Canal, "Capt. Bill Walker supervised our official captain's performance as he maneuvered our way, with just inches to spare, through the locks." Ann was attending the mini-Midd reunion at Sardi's in early May. ■ **Betts Allen Sutman** was planning to attend the same yearly luncheon when I (Marian) called her to say goodbye before they left FL. They were going first to the Masters in Augusta, then home to pack for their move from Westfield to Basking Ridge. New address after June 10: 3227 Fellowship Village Rd., Basking Ridge, NJ 07920. ■ Your secretary (**Marian Bailey Allen**) now has "eagle eyes," after cataract surgery and lens implants, three weeks apart. It is like being reborn. Annie Dillard, in *Pilgrim at Tinker Creek*, says it this way: "When her doctor took her bandages off and led her into the garden, the girl who was no longer blind saw 'the tree with the lights in it.' It was for this tree I searched through the peach orchards of summer, in the forests of fall and down winter and spring for years. Then one day I was walking along Tinker Creek thinking of nothing at all and I saw the tree with the lights in it. I saw the backyard cedar—where the mourning doves roost—charged and transfigured, each cell buzzing with flame. I stood on the grass with the lights in it, grass that was wholly fire, utterly focused and utterly dreamed." ■ **Elaine King Dandh**, who has been living in Mexico, had a very successful exhibit at the North American Cultural Institute of Mexico, showing some 33 of her photographs. Most of the photographs depict life in

Mexico, but some were taken in India, where she has also spent considerable time, and some were taken of barns and back roads around Middlebury when she joined us for our 50th. The reviews of her exhibit were very positive.

1946

REUNION CLASS

Class Secretaries: *Mrs. Douglas P. Shaw (Joan Campbell), Cottage St., RR 2, Box 3412, Manchester Center, VT 05255; and Mrs. Everett R. Nordstrom (Mary Elizabeth Cummings), 10 Inverness Rd., P.O. Box 4225, Pinehurst, NC 28374.*

Retiring class secretaries Sheila Schmidt Hamilton Rowland and Mary Nasmith Means report: Reunion was a perfect weekend of joy, beauty, and the gamut of emotions, under sunny, blue VT skies. Sparkling weather filled the entire 31/2 days with an ambiance we all remember—even those who were not able to attend. **Mary Nasmith Means** and I were so happy to represent the class in receiving the McCullough Cup for the largest percentage of classmates returning. **Phyl Faber Warren** and **Connie Smith Carpenter** then received the Ablondi Cup for our class gift of $1,115,187, with 94 percent of our class contributing. ■ Our guest for the social hour before the reunion banquet was Mary Williams Brackett '36, who was dean of admissions when our class entered Midd. It was wonderful to visit with her. ■ The Saturday night banquet was blessed with music and singing prepared by **Jean Schwab Schork** and **Evie Barre Carter**, and with the "emceemanship" of **Gladys Swift Seiberg**, who reached our hearts with memories, both profound and humorous. ■ The Sunday chapel service added a new dimension to an already sublime weekend. The music performed by the Alumni Choir, with many of our classmates participating, was magnificent and the sermon given by Rabbi Gerald B. Zelermyer '61 was a "not to be missed" event. This service gathered all the feelings of the weekend up into a surge of joy and sadness, a realization of mortality and immortality, which was overwhelming. Following this we were served a delightful brunch at President McCardell's home on South St. ■ **Allie Lou Bull** startled us all by coming up with triple bypass surgery on the weekend of our reunion. As of this writing, she is doing well. She sent a note from her hospital bed, saying how sorry she was to be absent, and we certainly missed her. ■ Several other messages from absent classmates were shared at reunion. **Barbara J. Kingsley** (once known as "Fuff") sent greetings "from one who is not there, because I live 3,000 miles from Midd." Her Parkinson's disease and difficulties with balance and eyesight made the trip impossible, but she sent her best wishes. Our class banner, made by "Fuff" 'way back then, was prominently displayed in Forest East Lounge, our headquarters. ■ **Charlotte (Kit) Broemel Mersereau** was also sorry to miss the chance of seeing classmates. "It would have been fun. I have fond memories of Midd, and am grateful for all it did for me. Emory '44 enjoyed his visit enormously. Do give our best to my classmates, along with our regrets." ■ **Joan Harrocks Grimm** felt with us in spirit. "When we first moved to Cincinnati, hardly anyone here had heard of Middlebury. This changed when I went to teach at the university and now you can hardly pick up a publication without reference to good old Midd. In 50 years the College has grown in quality and the recognition it deserves. It's wonderful to feel a part of that." ■ Although **Bob Kinker** (also of Cincinnati) did not graduate with us, he felt a part of our class, entering Midd as one of the first 50 sailors under the Navy V-12 program in July '43 and leaving in September '44. Bob says he has many fond memories of Midd and was sorry not to be at our 50th. ■ **Ruth Norton Forsberg** sent sincere greetings and wrote that "Warren and I would be with you if we could. Unfortunately, I have experienced some health problems (cancer of the breast) and I am not in the 'travel mode' at this time. I am progressing quite well and God has given me a wonderful peace concerning my illness. I am still receiving treatment and will soon be back to my normal activities." ■ **Ross** and **Vava Stafford Brown** have finally left the high seas, having sold their boat and bought a house (74 Brookside Ln., Palm Coast, FL 32137). We know this was done with some sorrow on their part, but we welcome them to "landlubberland" and hope the transition goes smoothly. ■ We are sorry to report the deaths of two of our class members, **Pamela Lowe Maloney** in April and **Marjorie Harrison Tiger** in May. Their memorials appear elsewhere in this issue. Both were remembered in the Tree Ceremony led by **Avery Post** during reunion weekend. All other class members who have died were also remembered, with **Mary Jane Selleck Hellekjaer** and **Walt Webb** reading their names. ■ This is our final column, as Mary and I turn our batons over to **Joan Campbell Shaw** and **Mary Elizabeth Cummings Nordstrom**, your class secretaries for the next five years. This job has been a real joy, primarily because we were in communication with so many classmates. The class has been wonderful in providing us with news and I know you will all continue in that vein so that Cam and Mary Elizabeth have the same great experience. Mary and I also want to thank classmates for the book in which everyone wrote about our successful 50th. We will treasure your comments forever.

1947

Class Secretaries: *Mrs. Robert E. Fry (Betsy Hornaday), 405 Vassar Ave., Swarthmore, PA 19081; and Mrs. Benjamin W. Heath (Joyce Walsh) (jheath@sover.net), 13 Marble St., Brandon, VT 05733.*

The end of March brought several of us together for a pre-planning session for our 50th Reunion, scheduled for May 29 through June 1, 1997. All of you have had a letter with card to return, and there will be more correspondence from the College as the months go by. Please telephone us (or write) if you have ideas or suggestions: Joyce in Brandon at 802/247-3962, e-mail: jheath@sover.net and Betsy in Swarthmore at 610/543-6545. It will be a special time, and the College treats the 50 year class very well. We will be guests of the College, in Forest Hall, and an additional bonus is a free shuttle service to and from the Burlington Airport. We have enjoyed talking with several of you and receiving notes from others. ■ **Jackie Simon Moore** reported that she's dealing with Parkinson's (along with Janet Reno) but will make every effort to return next June. ■ **Jean Gunther** is settled happily in a retirement community, enjoying a carefree life in Martinsville, VA (812 Mill Trace Rd., 24112). ■ **Hank Cady** has moved to Kendal-at-Oberlin, a Quaker lifecare community in Oberlin, OH. He found the reorganizing and redistribution of worldly goods a challenge, but thanks to his early military training was able to survive! He plans to return to Midd next spring for reunion. ■ Herb and **Bobbie Bates Lauterwasser** were delighted to welcome their third grandchild in February. Son Bruce '73 and his wife, Karen, are the parents of all three. ■ **Cap** and **Joanne Buckeridge Booth** had a month out west in the spring. In WA state they spent time with **BA Holmgren Hendrickson**, who has moved to Kirkland, WA (1906 4th Pl., 98033) and loves it there. **Janet Kraft West** (Mayor of Bainbridge Island) was also on their schedule, before they traveled to CA. ■ **Betty Cox** is one of the reunion planners who filled her job in absentia. She was temporarily slowed down by a compression fracture in her back, among other things. We have learned that the College will print for us our current address list with alternate or second residence addresses. This year of planning will go by very quickly. The yearbook committee met in May to start building the beautiful and impressive yearbook, which will be sent to class members in time for Christmas. If you have never been back for a reunion, the 50th of the Class of '47 certainly is the one you will want to attend. Remember the dates: REUNION AT MIDD, MAY 29-JUNE 1, 1997.

1948

Class Secretaries: *Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kellogg (Marya Steele), 7 Murdock Ct., Middlebury, VT 05753.*

We have a published pamphlet of delightful poems by **Fran Van Cleve Smith**. A haiku speaks for her:

creosote bushes
on Winery talus slope,
made green by snow melt

Middlebury is far from her desert home, but we have a talus slope at Bristol (remember Prof. Schmidt's class trips?) and snow this year very late in melting into Otter Creek. Some of us still ski. On the Snow Bowl slopes this year we have seen **Nat Benson Fraioli** and **Walter Nelson**. Whom did we miss? ■ Congratulations to **Cynthia Strout** (Knuth) and Charles S. Fischer, who were married on April 13, 1996. "We have plenty of space for guests," they write.

1949

Class Secretaries: *Patricia Allen Guthrie, P.O. Box 1804, Wolfeboro, NH 03894; and the Rev. Harold Richardson, 39 Spinners Run, South Windsor, CT 06074.*

Hal Richardson reminds all you '49ers to be sure to send us a postcard from wherever you are when you go on vacation this summer. Just slip a reminder in your address book where you list our addresses. Thanks! ■ **Leon Adkins** tells me he has been traveling to different parts of the world. He's a Methodist superintendent minister, but he has been working with Volunteers in Mission, which sends volunteers to work for two weeks wherever they are needed. Leon was preparing to leave for Budapest to work two weeks in a hospital, and from there he was heading to Bosnia. ■ **Peter Fagg** says he retired in 1983 from IBM, where his work centered on computers. He's been playing tennis, has enjoyed skiing near Poughkeepsie, and summers in East Hampton, Long Island. He does volunteer work as an AARP coordinator, helping low income people prepare their income taxes. He has been blessed with three kids and four grandchildren. ■ **Pat Allen Guthrie** thanks classmates who remembered to add her to their Christmas lists. She is grateful and encourages others to get her on their lists!

■ A nice note from **Jane Baker** informs us that she has been retired from teaching for five years. Now the proud owner of a new puppy (Posy), Jane had a busy year with visits to Vero Beach and Tucson, not to mention Denmark, Norway, Sweden, Finland, and St. Petersburg, Russia. Quite an itinerary! Another recent trip took her to Australia and New Zealand. No grass grows under her feet! She's involved in Recording for the Blind, working on archives for Beaver Country Day School, and helping AIDS victims, and planned to become involved in Project Literacy! ■ **Jane Alice Miller Brouwers**' note told of a wonderful trip she and Bill took to AK last summer, and of lots of family activities. ■ Paul and **Ann Holt Watkins**, residents of Wellesley, MA, spend five months in their Vero Beach condo. They attended a Midd lecture at the Center for the Arts in Vero, where they heard President McCardell, but didn't see any classmate from '49. They encouraged us to get in touch with them in Vero Beach last winter, but unfortunately we weren't in FL. Ann: Dave and I will be in Vero next winter, so I'll be calling. This winter, we were in CA and Tucson and points in between. One of the highlights was Branson, MO, for country western music. Great entertainment. ■ We regret to report the death of **Robert J. Simpson** on May 7, 1996. A memorial appears elsewhere in this issue.

1950

Class Secretaries: *Ms. Barbara J. Parker, 13 Burnham Place, Fair Lawn, NJ 07410 (e-mail parkerbj@aol.com); and Mrs. Barbara Kraft Packer, 48 Sunset Dr., Summit, NJ 07901.*

Your cards are not coming in as fast as we had hoped, but we're having fun calling you at random to get the latest scoop on your lives. ■ **Debbie Nye Eppler** heads the pack in the traveling category. Last fall, she took a two-week Smithsonian study course at the Art Institute of San Lorenzo, also fitting in a trip to Barcelona, Nice, and Florence. In June, she headed for St. Petersburg, Russia, to study art for two weeks. Then she traveled the Neva River to Moscow. Sometimes she and her former husband and good friend tour and study together. What a bunch of rugged individualists we are in this class! Debbie spends six months a year in her FL condo and six in her Denver condo, near four of her five kids. ■ **Peggy Yates Bolmer** and husband Steve (now retired) took a Danube tour last summer and visited northern Italy in the fall. Peggy is an ardent volunteer, reading for the blind, working in a soup kitchen and at the local hospital. In winter, the Bolmers spend a month in FL, pursuing one of their passions: Golf! "Life is good," says Peggy. Amen to that. ■ Arthur and **Suzy Zatz Rothman** motored south after New Year's Day. They spent six weeks enjoying Miami and the islands off the GA coast. ■ I [BJP] have often boasted that no students—no matter what they major in—can get out of Middlebury College without learning how to write. In our class, this has proven to be more than true. Many of **Sheldon Flory**'s travels stem from his poetry-writing awards, says wife Beth. In 1990, they traveled to Britain where Sheldon is the only American poet ever to win the International Poetry Award granted by the Arvon Competition. In the fall, they're off to Wales where Sheldon has received a writing grant from St. Deiniel's library, a facility of the Episcopal Church. Here's a sample of his beautiful words to send you to the bookstore for one of his collections: "Across a rising lake, prides of willows crouch to drink, look up, tossing gold manes." Now free from congregational responsibilities, Sheldon is the spiritual care coordinator of the Ontario Yates Hospice in upstate NY. ■ **Elizabeth Carroll Notter** reports: "Exciting and busy life. They won't *let* me stop working! I love my job with Montgomery County. Still writing poems, with another just accepted in a literary magazine." ■ **Joan Kent Warnke** recently published an article, "The Noah Problem," in the newsletter/magazine *Travel Companion*. It's about cruising alone when most people travel two by two. Recently, she took an Interhostel winter trip to New Zealand with "44 peppy individuals." ■ **Sam Donnellon**, who retired from his job with the NJ Turnpike two years ago, now writes for the *Philadelphia Inquirer*. ■ New careers: **Donald Baker** has left his career as a Congregational minister to study at the Westchester Institute for Training in Psychoanalysis and Psychotherapy (Mt. Kisco, NY) for a Certificate of Pastoral Counseling. ■ **Bill Pihlcrantz** works at the state prison reception center in Orlando, FL, where he screens 35 to 50 incoming prisoners daily to assess their educational needs in reading, math, and language skills. ■ Miscellany: **Barb Kraft** urges everyone to attend the Alumni College XXI August 28 to September 1. ■ **Barbara Parker** has moved to Radburn, Fair Lawn, where **Carol Carlton Hentz** grew up. Selling her house in Ridgewood because the gardens were too full, Barbara has plans for creating a bona fide early American garden in Radburn. She's also enjoying swimming pools someone else takes care of so that she can meet all her deadlines. ■ Sympathies: Our thoughts and sympathies are with the families of **Tatiana Virrick Duttenhofer**, who died of cancer on October 5, 1995; **Mayer "Mike" Simon**, who died on November 8, 1995; and **Ruth Eddy Cuncliffe**, who died of a heart attack April 6. Their obituaries appear elsewhere in this issue.

1951

Reunion Class

Class Secretaries: *Joan Allen Armour, 138 Great Pond Rd., Simsbury, CT 06070; and Jim Ross, RD 2, Box 540, Middlebury, VT 05753.*

What a great reunion weekend for the Class of '51! Beautiful weather and beautiful people. Everyone looked just as they did in 1951, except in slow motion. Over 55 classmates were on hand, plus many spouses as well. On Friday evening, Joan and **Don Axinn** opened their home in Weybridge to all of us for cocktails, after which we journeyed by school bus to Mary's Restaurant, north of Bristol, for a wonderful buffet. How long has it been since you were on board a school bus? It was fun, but a few riders wondered why we were going to NH for dinner. **Don McLean** received only a "B-" for his heroic efforts to keep the group under control, but he did keep everyone on their toes. Saturday was full of activities, including golf (organized by **Ed** and **Jean Maintain Higgins**), class picture, convocation— where we were recognized for our class reunion gift of $293,125, contributed by 59 percent of our class members—and shopping at the College Store, where a 45 percent discount attracted numerous '51ers. The store manager was particularly grateful for the truck load of Middlebury goods removed by Harvey and **Carol Osborn Moger**. Saturday evening, by popular demand, we boarded the school bus again to enjoy cocktails (and buckets of shrimp) at the home of **Will** and Marty Belden '52 **Jackson** before returning to Le Château (our headquarters) for the banquet. As usual, **Don McLean** had the unruly crowd in the palm of his hand and then economics Prof. Emeritus David K. Smith '42 split some sides with his exploration of being a native Vermonter. Sunday we enjoyed a fine chapel service and brunch at the Rosses'. It was truly a great weekend and we'll be back to do it again in five years. Our special thanks to the College, especially our undergraduate hosts, Milena Tzankova '98 and Jim Walsh '97. ■ Congratulations to **Ralph A. Loveys**, who was inducted into the Melrose (MA) High School Hall of Fame on May 11. Named a Hearst High School All-American in football in 1946, Ralph also led his basketball team and league in scoring. The next year he captained his undefeated Class A state champion football team, earning nine varsity letters before high school graduation. At Middlebury he played football, basketball, and baseball for four years. He was named to the All-VT Football Team and was a Small College All-American his junior and senior seasons. After serving as bat boy for the Red Sox, Ralph was a captain in the Marine Corps during the Korean conflict. He was elected to the Florham Park (NJ) City Council and then became mayor of that city before becoming chair of the NJ Turnpike Authority (1989-91). He is a former NJ State Assemblyman and remains president of Grove Associates.

1952

Class Secretaries: *Mrs. Peter K. Race (Ruth Eldridge), P.O. Box 103, Boxford, MA 01921; and William H. Barber, 19504 Gallatin Ct., Montgomery Village, MD 20879.*

Before we give you any news, get out your calendars and mark May 30-June 1, 1997, for our 45th Reunion! More information will be coming in the fall, but do save the dates now. If you live at a distance, perhaps you can plan the reunion with a vacation to New England. Let's have a great turnout! ■ The Rev. **Charlie Archibald** (age 70) has been ordained in his fourth denomination, as ministerial associate of the Albuquerque Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, 200 miles from his home in Durango, CO. ■ **Nelson E. Shafer**, our classmate who transferred to Cornell after freshman year, chanced to meet Bruce Guillan '50 at the retirement party of a mutual friend in February. Still holding fond memories of his days at Middlebury, Nelson attended Cornell School of Hotel Administration, graduating in 1952. After some years of work and military service, he attended the Univ. of KY Law School, graduating in 1959. He has since worked for the legal staff of the IRS, initially in Chicago, then in Milwaukee, where he has been district counsel since 1974. Living in Wauwatosa, WI, Nelson and his wife have two sons and three grandchildren. ■ We regret to report the death of **Phyllis J. Dixon** on March 18, 1996. We send our sympathy to her brother, William R. Dixon, who writes: "Phyllis was living in Ft. Stockton, TX, an area settled by her pioneer ancestors. Besides being a business woman and large promoter of local, regional, and state historical preservation, she continued to teach foreign language at the regional college level." We send the sympathy of the class to her family. ■ At a spring gathering of some Boston area Midd alums, several of us had a chance to catch up on many years: **Jan Bogart Phinney** is busy with volunteer work. ■ **Jane Rupp Cooke** has continued her winning ways in ski competition. She won the Eastern Division Sise Cup series, which took place from January to March, then went on to take two silvers in her class at the March U.S.

A spring gathering of members of the Class of '52 in the Boston area brought together (seated) Jeanne Parker Cahill, Ruth Eldridge Race, Carol Holmes Phillips, Shirley Herrman Andrews, (standing) Janet Bogart Phinney, Sally Baldwin Utiger, and Jane Rupp Cooke.

Alpine Masters National Championships at Sunday River in ME. Jane noted that there was a large Middlebury group at the Nationals. ■ **Jeanne Parker Cahill** retired in September 1995, after 20 years as a Spanish and French teacher at Beverly (MA) High School. During those years Jeanne chaperoned many student trips to France, but in the summer of '95 she enjoyed one *without* students, visiting exchange teachers from previous trips. A highlight was a visit to Giverny to see Monet's residence and garden, with its oft-painted bridge. Although Jeanne thoroughly enjoyed her teaching years, she's happy now to have more time to spend with her family, including Andrew Parker Cahill (born December 2, 1995), the third son of Laurie and William Cahill, Jr. '82. ■ **Shirley Herrman Andrews** is writing a book about Atlantis and the past influence of extraterrestrials on the people of our planet. In fact, the manuscript is nearly ready and Shirley is about to begin looking for a publisher. She continues with flute playing, both teaching and for her own enjoyment. Shirley and her husband try to plan yearly mountain hiking trips, some of which have been to Bolivia, Nepal, Mount Blanc, and Mt. Kilimanjaro. As we talked in May, she was looking forward to this June's trek to the Taurus Mountains in Turkey. ■ In the spring edition of the magazine we wrote about Amy Durato, our Class of '52 scholarship recipient. After the deadline for that edition, we received a thank you letter from Amy, who returned in January from a very rewarding semester of study in Botswana, Africa. She is a junior, majoring in environmental studies, with a focus in elementary education. During winter term, Amy helped in the kindergarten classroom of the Middlebury elementary school. ■ Now, when you finish reading this, double-check to see that you wrote down the right dates for reunion! And don't forget to drop us a line with your news, too.

1953

Class Secretaries: *Dr. and Mrs. David Clemens (Carol Jennings), P.O. Box 962, Hallstead, PA 18822 (e-mail: CClemens @epix.net).*

The recently elected president of the Dental Society of the State of NY is Dr. **Robert C. Westcott**. Bob is still an active community leader in the Glens Falls/Queensbury area, where he lives with wife Lillian. ■ Although **Paul Fuetterer** claims that he has been retired since 1992, he sounds much too busy to be a retiree. He is (1) a hearing officer in the Maricopa Co. (AZ) JP system, hearing small claims and traffic cases; (2) a troubleshooter with the Election Commission; and (3) a blockwatch leader, "thwarting rampant crime" in his home area. He also works out at the spa five times a week. He and his wife are avid Phoenix Suns fans and attend all home games. They also travel a bit and visited Costa Rica in 1995. Not long ago he met with **Ann Findley Wohl**, director of the MBA School for the American Institute of International Management. ■ Although recently retired, **George Byers** was back in the saddle after only five months, reorganizing an affiliate of his former employer. He has promised wife Peg that next time he retires he will destroy all files and honestly quit. For fun, they are remodeling their home. They are adding a new den and study and updating their kitchen which, George reports, is a mess now, but will be a great improvement when complete. ■ **Marion Seymour** is living happily in a co-housing community in Santa Fe, NM. She's active in the Green Party—"they do nice things in NM"—and enjoys cross-country skiing and hiking in the area. ■ **Marilyn Buist Scott** reports a new merger in the offing at the company for which she works; she's keeping an eye out for whatever fallout may ensue. On the cheerful side, she hopes to get to the Olympic Games in Atlanta for a week—and her big news is a first grandchild, born in April. ■ **Lucia Thwaits Dahlstrand** writes the sad news that her husband of 33 years, Pete Church, passed away in 1989, followed by the much better news that on January 19, 1996, she married Olof Dahlstrand, a retired architect and talented artist. They're having a great time, living six months of the year in Carmel (his home) and six months in Colorado Springs (her home). Lucia retired two years ago: "What a great concept, retirement! I recommend it!" ■ **Pat Brown McClearn** (PMcClearn @aol.com)—one of two classmates who responded by e-mail—has been traveling for business to places like Santa Monica, St. Louis, New Orleans, Washington, DC, and Orlando. She and husband Hugh continue to ski, bike, and hike at their mountain ranch where Middites are welcome! She and **Ann McGinley Ross** both wrote of their April reunion with **Anne Coleman Zehner** and **Louise Limbach Spangler** in San Francisco, where Lou hosted the group for almost a week, culminating with a "wonderful excursion to Lou's home at Sea Ranch in northern CA." They plan a future get-together in Santa Fe. ■ The fall '53 column noted that **Valerie Shumaker Cosgrove** expected to study and travel in France last summer after escorting 40 high school students through Italy and Spain. Here's a follow-up report: "A long-remembered item of the trip: I was on the metro train (RER) that the Arabs blew up, but had gotten off of it at the last moment, just before it left the station. The bomb detonated in the car I had been on at the next metro station—St. Michel—several minutes later, killing and injuring many people, and shutting down the line for two days. After Paris I spent one week in Brugges, a fabulous medieval city." Whew! We suspect that she needed a medieval week just to recover her breath. At home in Chicago Valerie is an enthusiastic member of the Lyric Opera Guild, and also loves the Art Institute, Field's Museum, the great zoos, and all the other things a big city has to offer. She sends a special request for letters from **Barb Waterhouse, Bobby Lonergan**, and the gals from the Casa Espanola. An e-mail message at IHMLANG@aol.com would also be happily welcomed. ■ **Alida "Jackie" Jackson Hannum**'s amusing/exciting/work-intensive activity has been helping her two sons move into affordable housing. Son Tom Jr., an adviser/broker in the brine shrimp industry, moved into a 90-year-old home (requiring complete interior reconstruction) in Salt Lake City. Son Marshall, a manager at Poison Spider Cycle and Tours of Moab, UT, moved into a 60-year-old cinder block home built above a red rock wall/root cellar. Both moves involved much work for Mom and Dad. ■ **Don Beers** again reported on the annual Midd Florida West Coast Golf Tournament at Capri Isle Golf Club in Venice, FL. Anyone interested in joining this event should call Don at 813/253-3422. To see this year's impressive gathering, take a look at the accompanying photograph. In April Don had a surprise visit from **Buzz Royce**. Buzz retired in July 1995 and still lives in Ripon, WI, with wife **Nancy (Peck)**. ■ As for me, your co-editor **Carol Jennings Clemens**: Just today, after a couple months of trial and error self-education, I successfully placed my first World Wide Web home page on the Internet. Do visit me at the Florence Shelly Preserve of The Nature Conservancy, (http://www2.epix.net/~topendless/nature.html). I'd love to get an e-mail from you right from the site.

Participants in an annual golfing event described in the 1953 column were (front row) Skippy Jennings '53, Carol Tilton, Sue Valentine Jennings '53, Dave "Scooter" Paulson '52, Eileen Paulson, Kathleen Aldridge, Fish Herring '53, (back row) Anne Decker Herring '54, Buzz Tilton '53, and Don Beers '53.

1954

Class Secretaries: *Mrs. Robert B. Nickerson (Nancy Whittemore), Masons Island, 4 Osprey Lane, Mystic, CT 06355; and Mr. M. Richard Davenport, P.O. Box 365, High Falls, NY 12440.*

We were saddened to learn of the death of **Janet Gray Johnson** in March. Our sympathy goes to her family. A memorial appears elsewhere in this issue. ■ **Jim D. Savvas** (aera@aol.com) "retired from engineering, computers, general management, a few years ago—and did a four-year stint as a college professor of marketing and management at Eastern KY Univ. and at Regis Univ. in Denver. I ride my horse Vucephalos, my bike, hike the Rockies, dance a lot, read a lot, travel a lot. The last three years I car camped to the northern tip of Newfoundland, to AK, down to Tijuana, and plan to complete the 'four corners' this summer by hitting Key West (with a stop at Midd on the way, of course). My five daughters include two Ph.D.'s (music, Tibetan studies), four master's, five bachelor's, and five grandchildren, so far." ■ The **Nickersons** headed for AZ to get away from the tough New England winter. Put 2,800 miles on our rented convertible. AZ is a marvelous state and we attended a great Elderhostel near Sedona. Where is your news? Let's hear from you!

1955

Class Secretaries: *Katherine Hughes von Hartz, 111 E. Second St., New York, NY 10009 (212/982-7932); and Frank E. Punderson, Jr., RR1, Box 236, Londonderry, VT 05148.*

Robert Entwistle is the new director of marketing for TechKnowledge Inc. of Augusta, ME. Bob has worked in the publishing field for over 30 years, most recently serving as account executive for Frontier Communications in central ME. TechKnowledge is a computer knowledge and information firm. ■ Due to a typo during magazine production, we had the wrong two people going skiing together in our last column. Please edit that column to read "**Sue** (rather than *She*) and **Bruce Byers** went skiing." ■ Last year when I (**Kathy Hughes von Hartz**) hesitantly took on this job, what convinced me was the notion that at least it would be fun to receive news via cards, letters, and calls from you. Alas! No one has written. This makes it a very frustrating job. I know that most of you enjoy reading any news about your classmates. You don't have to wait until the Nobel Committee reaches a decision! Please write *something* on a postcard and send it to me. Don't be shy. Write!

1956

Reunion Class

Class Secretaries: *John Chase, 2000 Sage Canyon Rd., St. Helena, CA 94574; Joan MacKinnon Houghton, 422 Taylor Pla., Ithaca, NY 14850; and Lee Goodrich Tupman, 309 Cloverway Dr., Alexandria, VA 22314.*

Retiring class secretary Maureen Craig Seamans reports: Well folks, we set a new record for the percentage of people returning for 40th Reunion! It was a great weekend, made even better by fantastic VT weather. One particularly important moment occurred at the Saturday banquet, when **Channing Murdock** got up to speak. A standing ovation for Channing and **Jane (Hoge)** was also an indication of our admiration for all those in our class who have fought—and are fighting—big odds with determination, courage, and grace. See you at the 45th! ■ **Ginny Collins Emerson** and **Maureen Craig Seamans** are retiring as class secretaries, with the thanks and gratitude of all their classmates. **John Chase** is continuing as a scribe and he welcomes **Joan MacKinnon Houghton** and **Lee Goodrich Tupman** as the new class co-secretaries. Send your news to them!

1957

Class Secretaries: *Mrs. Alexandrine Post Koontz (XanieK@aol.com), 204 Tatoket Rd., Branford, CT 06405; and Mrs. Elizabeth O'Donnell Wallace, 201 Asbury St., South Hamilton, MA 01982.*

Maurice "Ed" Keenan is serving as president of the American Academy of Pediatric Physicians. His term ends in November. ■ In Medfield, MA, **Lee Johnson Howell** is a real estate broker with RE/MAX Executive Realty. She had 20 years of experience with Mitchell Real Estate before that firm merged with RE/MAX. Lee is active on the Medfield Conservation Commission and the Medfield Open Space Committee. ■ When Jonathan Custer, son of **Gerry Raymond Custer**, was married in Albuquerque, NM, **Kathy Platt Potier** and **Julee Stone Miller** were there. Another mini-Midd gathering, far from Otter Creek! Gerry's play, *Baba Yaga*, has been revived in the Portland area with a number of productions. The Custers now live in Whittier, CA, and anticipate Bob's retirement in the fall. ■ We found **Bob Clement** in beautiful Bellevue, WA. He recently closed his business as a hotel food broker and enjoyed an extended trip east, where he saw **Diana Austin Varlay**. ■ Peter and **Gail Parcell Beckett** treated Xanie to a wonderful visit and sail on the Chesapeake in early spring. Peter is retired from Eastman Kodak and they have built an addition where an exquisite canoe built by Peter rests waiting for final touches. Gail is involved in archaeological studies of an important mid-17th century Puritan site being excavated on property next to their home. ■ It is with great sadness that we learned of the death of **Gail Bliss Allen**'s older son, Garth, in a tragic mountain accident. Garth was an experienced and respected hiking and skiing guide/instructor in the Pacific Northwest. While raising her sons, Gail has stayed in close touch with her Middlebury friends. She has pursued a successful career as a computer programmer, most recently with NASA. We think of her with affection and sympathy. ■ *[Ed. Note: The following item appeared under the wrong class heading in the spring issue. We apologize for the error and reprint it here in its entirety.]* We heard through the grapevine that **Mary Beth Porter Marsh** sang with the Robert Shaw Chorale at Carnegie Hall in a performance of Verdi's *Requiem*. Emory Fanning confirmed the performance of that work on January 21 and reported that it got a great review in the *NY Times*. He also congratulated Mary Beth for being one of 80 very select conductors/singers from all over the country who took part in what has become the very best choral experience around. ■ Remember Reunion dates are May 30-June 1, 1997. Mark your calendar!

1958

Class Secretaries: *Stephanie Eaton, 112 Pleasant St., Littleton, NH 03561; Joseph E. Mohbat, 551 Pacific St., Brooklyn, NY 11217; and Ann Parnie Ormsbee, 1699 Candelero Ct., Walnut Creek, CA 04598.*

Watertown (NY) *Daily Times* copy editor **Donald E. Lawton** has taken early retirement. Hired as a reporter there in 1959, he moved to the copy desk in 1971, and received an award in 1967 as the Israel A. Shapiro Citizen of the Year. Don will make occasional appearances in the newsroom as a consultant on history projects, such as North Country Remembered photos. Don's retirement projects, according to a recent newspaper article, will include getting state and federal historical recognition for the 129-year-old St. Paul's Episcopal Church, working for the Miss New York State Pageant, and recruiting for Middlebury College! Good work, Don! ■ Your class secretaries say happy 60th to us all! Be sure to come back for our next reunion—and talk to us!

1959

Class Secretaries: *Mrs. Anthony Balabon (Kay Shook), 615 Wallace Drive, Wayne, PA 19087; and Dr. Byron H. Koh, 136 Lincoln Ave., Amherst, MA 01002.*

Charles Harvey has been in the same business since our graduation: a manufacturer's representative agency in an autoparts warehouse. He and wife Virginia, a real estate broker, spend as much time as possible on the Cape. He also travels to fish in Canada for salmon and in the Bahamas for bone fish. Daughter Lisa is studying for a doctorate in psychology at Tufts; son Jim is a recording sound engineer. ■ **Ed Oster** is going into a management position with Radio Shack. Married for 36 years, Ed and Judy (McKay) '62 have three children and five grandchildren. ■ With a Lehigh Ph.D., Dr. **Gerard Cozzolino** has taught math and computer science at Cedar Crest College for 32 years. Both children are working with computers, in Denver and Philadelphia. For 25 years, Gerry has volunteered in his local ambulance and fire department. ■ **Ransom Duncan** has retired from Lea and Perrin (Worcestershire Sauce). He has seven children and seven grandchildren. How many of us have more grandchildren? How many of us have none? (Sob?) ■ **Ted Parker** is a very fit chiropractor who cycles 2,500 miles a year around Skohegan, ME. He thinks that the UConn/Tennessee women's basketball game was the best game of the season. Ted has been divorced for eight years. A son heads a software project for Microsoft; daughter Angie is a high school junior. Ted remembers the last gathering of 40 Dekes at Smugglers Notch three years ago. ■ **John Paust** created the Northeast Counseling Center for marriage and family counseling eight years ago. Last winter, his companion for cross-country trips on his 10 acres in Webster, NY, was daughter Amy Kim Paust, who was born in Korea 12 years ago. They report seeing bear and coyote tracks. ■ **William Wemmerus** retired three years ago into a busier life of volunteering for the Sierra Club, Habitat for Humanity, Hudson Valley Folk Guild, a Boy Scout troop, and a credit union. He is also in a three-guy Irish music folk group called The Raparees, after an 18th-century Irish freedom fighter. Bill plays the five-string banjo he began playing at Midd. A son is in CO; a daughter recently married. ■ **William Hahn** retired from the Army 10 years ago as a colonel. Two daughters have provided four grandchildren. Bill and his wife travel quite a bit, this summer to Russia. For 10 years, the Hahns have had a place in FL two miles away from Connie and **Dave Collins**—and finally, last October, they got together! ■ **Jeanette McIntosh Ingersoll** re-

cently won an award for outstanding class secretary from the Bancroft School in Worcester, MA. She served for 10 years, during which time she also chaired two class reunions. We'll keep this in mind! Jeanette and husband Tom live with and care for her 95-year-old mother, Marion Janes McIntosh '24, who is an inspiration to all with her keen mind. ■ Over the past 15 years, **Barbara Burch Melhado**, a VT antiques dealer, has collaborated with the VT Country Store in tracking down and purchasing more than 150 works of art produced in VT. Part of this collection was exhibited at the Southern VT Art Center in late spring. Hope some of you New Englanders were fortunate enough to see this remarkable group of paintings. ■ Over the last three summers, George and **Anne Martin Hartmann** have sailed many miles, traveling across the Atlantic to Scotland, on to Scandinavia and Estonia, with many interesting places and seas in between. This year the boat was wintered in Denmark, where they were boarding to head for the Canary Islands and then, later, back across the Atlantic to the Caribbean and finally home to RI. What adventures! ■ Please write and tell us what *you* have been doing.

1960

Class Secretary: *Jean Seeler, 5076 Pinnacle Dr., Oldsmar, FL 34677; Rich Wilkinson, 992 Sherwood Forest Rd., Annapolis, MD 21401; and Jan Fisher Barstad, 2107 S. Ventura Dr., Tempe, AZ 85282.*

We regret to report the death of **Conrad J. Wettergreen** on April 27, 1996, and send the condolences of the class to his family. Barbara wrote that Conrad "so loved Midd and we made many trips to the campus which we both enjoyed. Needless to say, we were both thrilled when our son graduated from Middlebury 30 years after his dad!" A memorial appears elsewhere in this issue. ■ **Roberta Sperry Schweiger** has put down deep roots in Denver, CO. Robbie works full time in a federal reading language arts program in parochial schools. While husband Ben has retired from teaching, their three daughters certainly have been influenced by their parents' dedication to education. Katie was married last June and is living in Durham, NC, where her husband is in medical school. She has worked in physical therapy and would like to take a master's in education. Christy spent a year in Mexico, is majoring in bilingual education, and is transferring to Kansas Univ. in the fall. Beth, who is also majoring in education, is transferring to Northern CO Univ. this fall. ■ **Elizabeth Kelly** has divorced and moved to Ann Arbor, where she is a social worker at the Univ. of MI, working with adult bone marrow transplant patients. As of this writing, Libby was planning her next career move in anticipation of a third wave of layoffs. In June, daughter Merrill graduated Phi Beta Kappa from Albion College. She majored in anthropology and sociology and was first in the class. Margaret (19) has completed her sophomore year at Adrian College, majoring in biology. ■ **Linda Sharp Cooper** is teaching accounting at Northern AZ Univ. Because she had a non-tenured appointment, she had to take some time off after five years. This is when she became interested in tracing her genealogy. Now Linda is back to teaching at NAU. Husband Dick Hevly is a tenured botany professor. Son Jim Cooper is married, has a baby, and works for Hyatt. Rick Cooper majored in math and computer science at Westminster and works for Unisis in Salt Lake City. ■ **Lucie Frontini Boyle** and her husband stayed with Linda and Dick while the Boyles vacationed in northern AZ and hiked down into the Grand Canyon. ■ Your class secretaries cannot do without your news. Keep in touch!

1961

Reunion Class

Class Secretary: *Steve Crampton, RR 1, Box 127 Tarbox Rd., Jericho, VT 05465.*

The Gordon C. Perine '49 Award, presented to the reunion class other than the 25th and 50th with the greatest increase in the class gift, was awarded to the Class of 1961. The award represented a total of $374,835 in payments and pledges from 49 percent of our class members. **Jeff Foran** and **Carolyn Bennet Wood**, our reunion gift chairs, accepted the cup from President McCardell at Convocation. More news from our 35th Reunion will appear in the autumn issue.

1962

Class Secretaries: *Leslie Dearborn Cronin, 16320 Batchellors Forest Rd., Olney, MD 20832; and James D. Shattuck, 59 Wesskum Wood Rd., Riverside, CT 06878.*

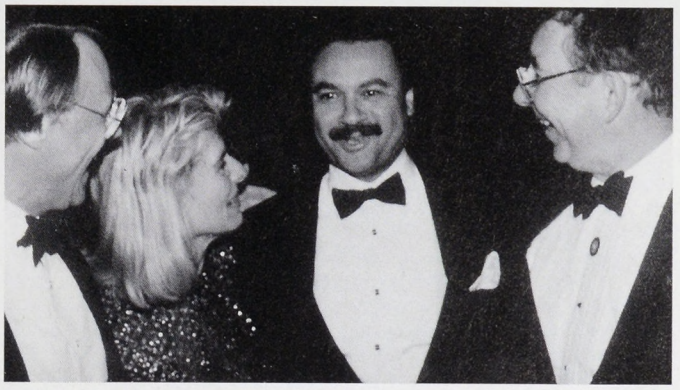
On April 9, 1996—the evening preceding **Ron Brown**'s funeral—a Celebration of Life service was held at the Washington Baptist Church. Speakers at the service, which was televised live on C-Span and Black Entertainment Television, included Charles Rangel, Vernon Jordan, Ted Kennedy, Henry Cisneros, and Jesse Jackson. Three Middlebury classmates also spoke. ■ **Tom Meehan** spoke of meeting "Ronnie in the fall of 1958, when we were both freshmen at Middlebury College. Ronnie had just turned 17, and he was the youngest guy in our class and the only African-American in our class. Ronnie came to Middlebury directly from Harlem. He was rail thin, an athlete with an enormous appetite for so many things—for life, for sports, for music, for clothes, and for food. We were waiters, which meant we got to eat early and as much as we wanted. Ronnie became a legend because of his ability to consume such enormous amounts of food so quickly, and he never gained an ounce.... We pledged the same fraternity which had a terrific group of people, but it was a national fraternity and it turned out it had a white-only clause. Remember, this was 1959 in Vermont before civil rights activities had heated up. All of us at Middlebury wanted Ronnie, and the national said we could not initiate a black. Our local fraternity had a decision to make. But for us, the decision was easy because if you knew Ronnie, you wanted to be with him. And no national fraternity was about to tell us what to do. Our decision was unanimous: we initiated Ronnie, and the national took our charter away.... It turned out to be one of Ronnie's many firsts—many more significant firsts would come later in his incredible life. Middlebury was a happy time for Ronnie. We were gym rats; we watched the Kennedy-Nixon debates; we talked about sports, music, and life. Ronnie introduced the twist to Middlebury. He was immensely popular, with an infectious enthusiasm and terrific sense of humor. You could see the happiness and optimism in his eyes and in the way he carried himself. He had a strong sense of self. Ronnie had a special gift for friendship, and we all loved being with him. Ronnie and I roomed together, and we both got married in 1962 right after graduation. He was in my wedding, and I was in his.... Back then both of us intended to go to law school. In recent years, when being interviewed about Ron, I've been asked what type of lawyer he wanted to become. I laugh at the question because back then we didn't even know there *were* different types of lawyers. We didn't have a clue. We were young, naive, and simply looking forward to the opportunity to do something with our lives. And Ron Brown did something with his life. I last talked with Ronnie's mother after the inauguration in January 1993—after she had visited Ron in his massive new office at Commerce—and she laughed about how she and his father used to worry about his graduating from Middlebury. She was so happy and so proud of her son's success—her only regret was that his father was not there to enjoy it. Ron Brown went so far and did so much because he had a tremendous capacity for growth. He had extraordinary success in many different careers. Most important, he wanted to—and he did—help America become a better place. We thank him for having been here and for having had the opportunity to share his friendship. We will miss him forever." ■ Other personal remembrances came from Ron's roommate freshman year, **Charles Tobey**: "Ron Brown was my best friend at Middlebury. There were three things that I fondly remember about Ronnie that attracted me to him as a friend: 1. he was outwardly friendly and extremely likable; 2. he was very intelligent and articulate; 3. we connected on several levels where we had similar interests. His friendliness was one of his most valuable assets. Ronnie had the unique quality of making people feel at ease. He was extremely well-liked by everyone.... He had the gift of gab. He gracefully cruised through college, never appearing anxious. He had the intelligence to be able to achieve good grades without apparently breaking a sweat. We both came from similar backgrounds—New York City, private schools in the City—loved sports, shared the same taste in music, and had serious girlfriends at home. We both married those same girlfriends, Alma and Judy, and watched each other's kids grow up to become very special adults. When Ron died, the country lost a hero and a role model—and I lost a best friend." ■ **Gil Owren** also spoke: "One of the favorite indoor sports at Sig Ep from 1958 to 1962 was mocking. Every little flaw in one's physical appearance or character became a target for the jestful barbs of a fraternity brother. Little did we know that Ronald Harmon Brown was using this as his training ground to hone his skills to later lead the assault against George Bush for Bill Clinton and to help Ron weather the storms created by the likes of Alfonse D'Amato. Ron succeeded. He succeeded in his multifaceted career, serving the president and the public. He also succeeded in defeating the personal attacks that come with the territory of political life." ■ We invited other classmates to comment on their personal remembrances of Ron and received several responses. In spring 1993, **Tish Flemma** attended a conference in Washington, DC, where international business people could hear from the new Clinton administration. "One featured speaker was Ron, as the new secretary of commerce. His talk was outstanding: articulate, energetic, and with a real vision of what the Commerce Department could accomplish. I had not heard him speak before, and he was really impressive. A delegate rose to challenge Ron, and asked him how the secretary planned to organize and focus the (traditionally) disorganized and ineffectual Commerce Department. Fresh from his successful chairmanship of the Democratic Party, Ron replied: 'Well, I do have some recent experience pulling together a disorga-

nized institution.' It brought the house down! Even the Democrats laughed. He then followed with his usual succinct and enthusiastic remarks. When later polled, the delegates selected Ron as the guest speaker for the opening banquet for the 1994 conference." ■ **John** and **Betty Allen Hornbostel** were present in 1993 when Ron Brown and Bob Batal '58 were among those who roasted Milt Peterson '58 (then chair of the Middlebury College Board of Trustees) as "turkey of the year." Ron arrived at the black tie event after a meeting with President Clinton. The Hornbostels and Ted Mooney '61 (who died December 7, 1995) had a good mini-reunion with him as he moved through the crowd toward the dais. Their reminiscences included the time, during sophomore year, when Ron and Betty introduced the twist at Middlebury. In the course of the roasting, Ron indicated that he had to explain to Bill Clinton why he was attending an event that had so many conservative Republicans in attendance. ■ **Louis Giardini**'s memories of Ron Brown were "friendly encounters on campus and a ready smile and always friendly hello. I have always rejoiced over Ron's subsequent rise in the world of service. He will always be remembered by his friends and those who appreciate character combined with intelligence." ■ And from **Bonnie Chisholm Sullivan**: "My remembrance of Ron spans 25 years—from when we were seeing each other casually as freshmen to a conversation we had at our 30th Class Reunion. As freshmen, Ron all of a sudden stopped calling me, and in those days women hardly ever initiated the direct questions around 'why.' Thirty years later, Ron asked 'Did you ever wonder why I stopped calling you?' to which I replied, 'Yes, it did cross my mind a time or two!' To which Ron revealed a conversation with—and polite prodding from—one of the Middlebury deans at the time on the point that interracial dating was not encouraged. He laughed, I laughed. Finally I had my answer. And we agreed times and the College had changed. ■ In closing, **Jim Shattuck** shares his favorite Ron Brown quote, from the 1992 Democratic Convention when Ron was Democratic National Committee Chairman: "On behalf of all of you, I want to express my appreciation for this tremendously warm recession." Says Jim, "This from a guy I remember who was always up, always cheerful, always helpful, and always skinny!"

1963

Class Secretaries: *Catherine Deutsch Sands, 5004 Ft. Sumner Dr., Bethesda, MD 20816; and Christopher J. White (crnbrycst@aol.com), 15 W. Cavalier Rd., Scottsville, NY 14546.*

In addition to being a master teacher for the NYC Board of Education and chair of MetroTech Planners, Inc., **Douglas M. Cooper** was recently inducted into the Kappa Delta Pi National Honors Society. Nominated by Queens College Dept. of Administration and Supervision, Doug also received a CUNY Service Award. This fall, Doug plans to open an educational support program for minority youngsters in his Queens Village, NY, community. ■ **Patrick C. Parsons** (519 Remedios St., 1004 Manila, Philippines; e-mail LSupremo@aol.com) checked in with an update: "Continue to live in my native country, the Philippines. Finished restoring an old building in historic section of Manila. I am the honorary Consul of Panama out here. Sail plenty on my tri. Am off to Ternate, Ambon, and the Spice Islands (Banda) in Indonesia come September. My son is a photographer in Miami Beach and my daughter studies architecture at the Univ. of UT (still looking for **John Bower**). Hope all is well with the rest of '63." [For the non-sailors among us, Chris explains that a "tri" is a trimaran, which is like a catamaran but instead of two hulls, it has three.] ■ "E-mail is the way I do business these days," reports Dr. **H. Alan Wood** (haw5@cornell.edu). He says he usually loses the alumni card before he gets it mailed in, so e-mail is the way to go. "I recently visited the Middlebury biology dept. and gave a lecture on my field releases of recombinant viruses. It is the first time since the early '80s that I had spent any time with the biology department. The students and faculty are wonderful. The article on Grace Spatafora (Midd spring '96) is very accurate." Alan is a prof. of virology at the Boyce Thompson Institute at Cornell Univ. "Besides running a research lab, I have been working as a member of the USDA Agricultural Biotechnology Advisory Committee and attending policy meetings for USDA and EPA. I will be spending most of the '96 summer in Japan, Spain, and France, attending policy and research conferences and vacationing with my wife, Jude. AgriVirion, a biotechnology company, which I cofounded, is prospering. Hopefully you will soon read about us in the *Wall Street Journal*. I am feeling a little older these days, watching oldest daughter Kirsten receive her Ph.D. in psychology." Alan would love to hear from old friends—"particularly ole Slugs"—via e-mail. ■ Many of us knew Ron Brown '62 at Midd and mourn his loss. Ron was **William Delahunt**'s big brother in Sigma Phi Epsilon (renamed Sigma Epsilon after losing national recognition for initiating Ron). In 1960, Bill and Ron worked as co-chairs of Students for JFK in VT, at one point greeting Kennedy en route to his election eve speech at Boston Garden. Now the district attorney for Norfolk County (MA), Bill remembers Ron as "a very special person." This May, Bill formally announced his run for Congress, promising to work for the middle class and against the Gingrich-led Republican agenda. ■ **John P. Connors** wrote a letter to Ron Brown on April 3. But before he got the letter mailed, he heard the news that Ron's plane was down in Croatia. "I couldn't believe it. I thought it had to be impossible. We had 20,000 to 30,000 troops over there to protect him. I keep remembering him in the living room of the fraternity. He was a very enjoyable person to be with. Everything that is being said about Ron is correct. He was filled with energy, a hard driver, and a good person to know."



John F. Hornbostel, Jr., '62, Betty Allen Hornbostel '62, Ronald H. Brown '62, and Edward R. "Ted" Mooney '61 enjoyed a mini-reunion at a black tie dinner in 1993 in honor of Milt Peterson '58, who was then chair of the Middlebury Board of Trustees.

1964

Class Secretaries: *Barbara Bailey Hollister, 1347 Stony Brook La., Mountainside, NJ 07092 (e-mail bbh@ulysses.att.com); and Robert J. Baskin, 805 A St. SE, Washington, DC 20003.*

We regret to report the death of **Margot Williams-Milosavljevic** on April 9, 1996. A native of Chattanooga, TN, she had been living in the former Yugoslavia for some time. She and her husband, Bozidar Milosvljevic, translated manuscripts and wrote books. We send the sympathy of the class to her husband and to all of her family. A memorial appears elsewhere in this issue.

1965

Class Secretaries: *Polly Moore Walters (Mrs. Kenneth), 100 Grandview Ave., Fort Collins, CO 80521 (e-mail: Walters@lamar.ColoState.edu); and Frederick W. Stetson, 123 N. Union St., Burlington, VT 05401.*

We regret to report the death of **Bruce M. Johnston** on March 10, 1996, in Costa Rica. A memorial appears elsewhere in this issue. ■ **David T. Giddings** has been appointed chairman and chief executive officer of Diametrics Medical Inc. of Minneapolis, MN. Diametrics manufactures a proprietary point of care blood analysis system known as IRMA (Immediate Response Mobile Analysis). David was formerly president and chief operating officer of Indianapolis-based Boehringer Mannheim Corp.

1966

REUNION CLASS

Class Secretaries: *John Rehlen, The Manse, P.O. Box 275, Castleton, VT 05735; and Charlotte Stetson, 10 South St., Middlebury, VT 05753.*

Retiring class secretary Tom Easton reports: Our 30th Reunion is now in the record book! It was truly a gorgeous weekend with the campus as beautiful as ever. The College was an excellent host and we had a record turnout with a total of 39 classmates in attendance, plus friends and family members. Nick and **Carol Buck Dettmann** won honors for the farthest traveled, coming all the way from Australia! In the 5K run, **Glenn Govertsen** blew away the competition by posting consecutive sub-six minute miles. **Lorrie Barstow Love** was the first woman to cross the finish line. Congrats to both! As to Friday's kick-off dinner, we can report that the Dog Team food is as delicious as ever. Convocation included a rousing welcome for Lawrence Pierce '21, who marched down the aisle in celebration of his 70th Reunion! Also at Convocation, we were proud to present the College with a class gift of $123,127 from 50 percent of the class. The headcount at our Saturday night banquet at Mister Ups tallied 63, including classmates, spouses,

and children. An abundance of activities were enjoyed, but the general consensus was that the classmates in attendance provided the memories. It was truly a great weekend and a tremendous success! ■ While working on the Unabomber and Freemen cases, **Tom Easton** was able to talk by phone with all of our MT classmates. ■ A MT transplant since attending grad school in Bozeman years ago, **Glenn Govertsen** teaches physics at Sentinel High School in Missoula. An avid runner, Glenn just completed his fifth Boston Marathon and also participates in the Great American Ski Chase, a series of eight 50K X-country races held across the U.S. During his travels he has bumped into **John Brodhead** and former Midd skier **Dave Hanscom**. Glenn's two daughters are in college—Kristi a senior at Gonzaga in Spokane and Elke at Western WA Univ. in Bellingham. ■ In Kalispell, **Linda Ramsay Dekort** is a 25-year high school biology teacher, while husband Frank is an elementary school principal. Daughter Vonnie, a senior at the Univ. of MT, Missoula, is majoring in elementary ed to continue the family tradition. Son Martin is in pre-med at Loyola Marymount in L.A. ■ **Susan Hellier** has been in social work, surveying/engineering, and has built spec houses, but she's now completing course work for a master's in mining land rehabilitation, with the dreaded thesis still ahead. She has lived in MT with friend/partner Mike Raymond since 1985. ■ In Belgrade, MT, **Sharon Weston Sutherland** is active in environmental issues and employed by the Greater Yellowstone Coalition. Coalition goals are to increase the grizzly population, as well as reintroduce the grey wolf to the parklands. MT residents for the past 12 years, she and husband Steve were 15-year residents of Aspen, CO. When not fly-fishing, Steve works at the Bridger Bowl Ski Area. ■ Back east in Lyndeboro, NH, **Bob Nields** is owner and sole proprietor of a construction company. Although an avid skier, he's questioning the thrill of shoveling snow off his driveway. (Secretary's note: Hey, Bob, try a snowblower—works great in VA!) Bob has one child at the Univ. of VA. ■ In studying cat behavior, **Robert E. Adamec**, prof. of psychology at Memorial Univ. in St. John's, Newfoundland, has shown that aggressive/nonaggressive tendencies are present from birth and cannot be explained by social conditioning. ■ And now it's time to pass the baton of class secretary into the capable hands of **John Rehlen** and **Charlotte Stetson**. It's hard to believe that five years have passed so quickly! I have truly enjoyed my term and thank all of you who have contributed news or taken time from your busy schedule to talk with me by phone. I can honestly say that the highlight of my many travels over these years has been the opportunity to renew old friendships. I have agreed to continue as "unofficial news gatherer," so don't be surprised if the phone rings in the future. (I'll be seeking only news, and not asking you to dig into your pockets—that will be another caller!) Send news to your new class secretaries at the addresses above, or pick up the phone and call them. Don't be a member of the silent majority. We all look forward to hearing from each and every one of you.

1967

Class Secretaries: *Susan Davis Patterson (e-mail: spatters@moose.uvm.edu), 67 Robinson Pkwy., Burlington, VT 05401; and David E. Robinson, 31 Summer St., Nashua, NH 03060.*

On a trip to CO at the end of February, I (**Susan Davis Patterson**) was able to have phone visits with **Alice Milnor Norton** and **Charlie Mead**. Alice lives in Boulder, where she is setting up an office for Software Services—Year 2000. When you panic in 1999 as you realize that all your computer applications are programmed to change to the year *1000* instead of the year *2000*, call Alice. She'll save the day (year) by selling you the necessary "fix" for your computer! Alice is in contact with **Weebee Holloway Brown** (still flying on high as a flight attendant) and **Peter Brown** in San Francisco. Alice is also in touch with **David** and **Susan Park Weissman**, who have a working ranch and hunting guide business near Banner, WY. The Weissmans sometimes come to the big city (Denver) for supplies and to see Alice. ■ **Charlie Mead** is happily living in Monument, CO, between Denver and Colorado Springs, known for its white-out storms—which I experienced while driving through on the highway. Charlie, who travels a lot on his job with Digital Equipment, was on his way to the airport when I called. He says he'll be at our 30th Reunion next May! ■ Since I was in CO, I missed our class Winter Weekend this year. Lack of snow did not keep a hearty group from gathering at **Bill** and **Sue Schweickert Macy**'s Lincoln home for a potluck. Husband **Tom Patterson** thoroughly enjoyed a day in Middlebury with **Paul** and **Cathy Buck Leary**, up from MA for the get-together. Paul, the consummate quick wit and jokester, is now a professional piano gig man and a favorite of both senior citizens and baby boomers with his huge repertoire of oldies. We'll be booking him for our 30th. ■ The next weekend there was plenty of fresh snow so **Margot Childs Cheel** came up to the Patterson B&B. Margot and I had a fabulous day of sun and skiing at Stowe. Then Margot headed down to MA for a visit and cross-country skiing with **Livvy Barbour Tarleton**. I do believe the following weekend she stayed with **Laila Fangel Kain**, who has a new job. ■ **Missy Brine Rogers**, who is working on her Ph.D. in art history, was planning a trip to England in July. ■ We're gearing up for our 30th Reunion. **Susan Schweickert Macy** and I are plotting social events to mix us up, encourage our connections and sharing of ourselves, all the while enjoying the beautiful backdrops of the Midd environment, both at Bread Loaf and on campus. Call or e-mail either of us with your suggestions. What would bring you back to reunion?

1968

Class Secretaries: *Nancy Brooks Richardson, 6 Cameron Rd., Wayland, MA 01778; and David Weinstein, P.O. Box 414, St. Johnsbury, VT 05819.*

1969

Class Secretaries: *Juliane Wallace, 142 Central Ave., Montclair, NJ 07042; and William H. Hearne, 324 Ayrault Rd., Fairport, NY 14450.*

Congratulations to Elizabeth and **Richard Werdiger** on the adoption of a daughter, Anne Elizabeth Werdiger, born February 15, 1996.

1970

Class Secretaries: *Sue Thompson, P.O. Box 326, Mystic, CT 06355; and Andy Wentink, P.O. Box 356, Hohokus, NJ 07423.*

Congratulations to the Hon. **Eugene Oliver, Jr.**, who has been appointed supervising judge of the NYC Criminal Court in NY County, effective April 29, 1996. An acting supreme court justice in the Bronx since 1994, Eugene became a criminal court judge in 1990 and was assigned to Bronx Criminal Court. Formerly, he spent 13 years at the Bronx District Attorney's office. Eugene is also a board member of the East Side Settlement House, a private social service agency serving the Mott Haven area of the South Bronx. ■ We hope things are going well for classmates involved in two separate elections. After chairing the Cohasset (MA) advisory committee for four years, **Nan Adams Roth** decided to seek a seat on the board of selectmen. Nan is a teacher of special needs students in the Weymouth Public Schools. ■ Seeking the Republican nomination for a District House 57 seat in ME was **Donald L. Jones** of Wiscasset, ME. With a master's in public administration from Cornell, he has worked as an urban planner in Asheville, NC, as a budget analyst in the MI state budget office, as fiscal officer of the ME Court System, and as a loan program manager at the ME Housing Authority. ■ **Woody Jackson**'s book, *Counting Cows*, was published last spring and has already gone into a second edition. It recently got a positive review in *The New York Times Book Review*. ■ **Richard M. Dostie** has been named music director at St. Thomas Episcopal Church in Camden, ME. Since studying organ and conducting under Emory Fanning at Middlebury, he has served Episcopal congregations in Belfast and Waterville, and was organist and choirmaster for Protestant and Catholic churches in Fairfield, Waterville, Bar Harbor, and at Brunswick Naval Air Station. A resident of Belfast, he is music director of the Penobscot Bay Singers, and works with high school and college students in musical productions. He also appears with various ME jazz and dance bands and serves as accompanist for jazz singer Dianie Linscott.

1971

REUNION CLASS

Class Secretary: *Dr. Susan R. Thornton (SueThorn@aol.com), 22 Vincent St., Binghamton, NY 13905.*

Susan Thornton and retiring co-secretary Sandy McDowell and report: Many thanks to all of the organizers from the Class of 1971 who did an outstanding job of putting together a great reunion weekend! Special thanks to our social chairs—**Gay Mann Folland** and **Howie Verman**; and to our gift committee members—**Churchill Franklin, Hector Griswold, Joan Kerrigan, Mary Ledwith**, and **Martha McCravey**. Due to their efforts, the Class of 1971 won the Armand N. LaFlamme '37 Cup for the class with the highest participation in reunion giving before the 50th reunion. Seventy percent of the class contributed $712,000. Congratulations to us all! ■ Arriving on Thursday, May 30, we heard reports of six inches of snow that morning in Waitsfield and Starksboro. **Jeff Dunham** reported personally scraping four inches off his car windshield. But our weekend weather was VT at its best, with crystal skies, warm sunshine, and perfect postcard views. The reunion committee worked hard on its most spectacular achievement: a full moon shining down on our barbecue at President McCardell's home, and our reunion banquet and dance on Saturday. Our classmate who traveled the farthest to attend reunion was **Anne Yerpe Kavcic**, who came from Switzerland. Other class members flew in from the

A Composer's Conviction

"I was put here to write operas and to work with text and the human voice." Perhaps only with that level of conviction can one succeed as a composer of serious contemporary music. **John Plant '67** knows himself and what he must do. During a winter performance at Middlebury's Concert Hall he shared some of the powerful results of his life's purpose.

Making your way through college in the sixties, now that was tough, according to Plant. But making your way in the world of music—a career path strewn with silenced dreams—that's a much clearer route for this alum. No, the publishers don't encourage contemporary music, but performing organizations want to do his work. And although "we live in a society that doesn't value the arts except in their most salable form," the composer says, still, there is an audience for his kind of music, including on college campuses "and not just among music students."

"I think that a change is happening in contemporary music all over the world. There is, for one thing, a greater concern for the ears that are going to be hearing the music, and, for another, a grounding in basic concerns of human beings," Plant says. "In the fifties and sixties contemporary music was very cerebral, intellectual, ingrown. That's over. There's now a reaching out."

Plant's own music reaches out in some directions traceable to his years at Middlebury. As a classics major, he became acquainted with medieval Latin poetry and the Greek poetry of Sappho. Having translated "Somnus et Amor" for Middlebury's literary magazine as a student, more recently he set the words to music. His "Invocation to Aphrodite" is another of the college texts that haunted him until he gave it voice. Like a sculptor who "finds" the work of art in a block of marble, Plant says, "I'm finding the pieces that are already out there."

Much of his inspiration comes from his wife of six years, Jocelyne Fleury, a mezzo-soprano whose rich, dark sound elicits Plant's musical ideas and later explicates them for audiences. The composer stresses "the importance of my wife in the compositional process. It is not quite a collaboration, but in some sense it is. I don't hand her a finished product. She will say, 'This would be better if . . .' and she's usually right. She really knows what I'm trying to do," Plant says.

He composes for his wife often: "I feel that her voice is my raw material." In fact, listening to him talk about his wife, and even more when listening to their music, one feels in the presence of a great love story. "I accompany my wife not just for my music, but for the music we make together."

Plant's music is evolving. "The earlier pieces were celebrations of love, erotic and mental, between people." His newest piece, "in the world of zero," given its world premiere at Middlebury, sets a Swedish poem by Göran Sonnevi about people in relation to the universe.

"This brought something out in me that is new," he says. "It is a piece about annihilation and rebirth, survival and death. I'd never dealt with these issues before. It is not that I'm comfortable with these subjects now, but that I'm willing to go there," Plant notes. Musically, "There are some scary sounds in my pieces, but also some very lyrical ones. I'm not necessarily aiming for the mainstream, but for the ears and intelligence of the audience."

When he surveys the contemporary music scene, Plant sees much that he likes. "The Russians are leading the way in contemporary music and reaching wide audiences," he says. Two of his favorite contemporary composers are Russians, Arvo Pärt and Sophia Gubaidulina. He also gives high praise to Su Lian Tan and George Todd, both on Middlebury's music faculty.

"The composer whose computer music I know best is George Todd. It's brilliant," he says unequivocally. Whereas Plant doesn't use the computer for his own work, he greatly admires Todd's skill with it. "It's a tool. If a composer senses that's *his* tool, he can do marvelous things with it. I like new sounds that computers make possible," he says, although he doesn't like the substitute sounds computers generate for whole symphony orchestras, for example.

Plant knows how important the "role of luck" is in life and believes one of the luckiest things ever to happen to him was George Todd's coming to Middlebury during Plant's junior year. Torn between languages and music from age 10 when his parents brought home the Italian score of Mozart's *The Marriage of Figaro,* Plant learned under Todd how to put all his passions together.

This musician doesn't complain about having to supplement his life as a composer with teaching music to students at Concordia University and St. George's School in Montreal, where he lives. He even respects the practical aspects of fundraising for the nonprofit Montreal Voice Theatre, which he and Fleury created to showcase dramatic vocal works not covered by other performing organizations. In addition to those realities, Plant sees other lights on the horizon, including two performances of his opera, *The Viper,* in April 1997 in Montreal.

An accomplished pianist, Plant says he doesn't practice enough to consider himself a performer except as an accompanist to his wife and students, although he enjoys playing very much. "Piano would make three careers," he notes, when added to the two careers he already has as composer and teacher. Any listener, however, would appreciate his fine playing and thoroughly enjoy hearing the composer's interpretation of his own work in, for example, the power of the lower octaves in the dramatic "in the world of zero," the intensity of "Invocation to Aphrodite," or the unexpected tapping on the wood of the Steinway written into a score.

"The message is the music, with poetry, human relationships, beauty, sound. What artists do is a kind of testimony, central to our experience as human beings," Plant says. ■

West Coast, the Deep South, or simply drove over from Middlebury and surrounding towns. A high point of the gathering was the panel discussion Friday morning on "mid-life issues" moderated by **Marshall Forstein**, whose selections from T.S. Eliot spoke eloquently of returning to the place we'd set out from 25 years earlier. Panelists included **Marian Glenn, Brinck Lowery, Francie Marbury, Tom Tobin**—and nearly everyone else in the room participated in the lively discussion. Those of us who are feeling pressured by mid-life issues have a lot of company! One topic under discussion was "Why Middlebury?" Several classmates spoke of the beauty of the surroundings, poignant especially for those of us who do not live in VT, and the words carved over the chapel door: "The Strength of the Hills is His Also." After the discussion, several members of the class asked: "Can you see this happening at a Williams reunion?" We have an unusual group of individuals, with varied life experiences, and we related and shared openly in an extraordinary exchange. At Convocation we greeted returning members of the Class of 1946 (50th reunion), as well as one representative of the Class of 1921 and three members of the Class of 1926, returning for their 75th and 70th reunions. It felt a little bit like freshman week lugging all my (**Susan Thornton**'s) stuff into the small cubicle in the new dorm—still called the "new dorm" after 25 years! And it felt a bit like leaving again after four years, seeing how much longer it took me to pack and load the car than it did to unload. After comparing old snapshots and taking new ones, I'll be ready to update my photo album and return for the next reunion! ■ **Howie Verman** was outstanding as M.C. for the dinner. He could fulfill his dream to "take it on the road." (Unfortunately, he would have to take all of us on the road with him for his funny material!) ■ Most changed was **Sandy Neily**, who did not look like her graduation picture. ■ **Glenn Geiger** had the most profound and verbose biography. ■ Missed **Jeff** and **Susie Elmendorf Roberts**, who were unable to attend. (They have seven kids and must be busy!) ■ We are honored to share a class with **Alan Wood** and **Martha McCravey**—two outstanding people in family and profession. ■ Fortunately we have everything on video, courtesy of **Obie Benz**. That way we will not only know that we were happy this weekend, but we will also know why we were happy!

1972

Class Secretaries: *Jennifer Hamlin Church (jhchurch@sienahts.edu), 11151 Summerfield Rd., Petersburg, MI 49270; and Judy Wingham, 417 Guildwood Pkwy., West Hill, Ontario M1E 1R3, Canada.*

Elizabeth and **Paul F. Johnston** proudly announce the birth of son Alexander Kai Johnston on December 5, 1995. Paul enjoyed a yachting article in a recent issue of the magazine and writes: "Last summer, we located and surveyed the shipwreck of the first oceangoing yacht built in America, which sank in Hanalei Bay, Kauai (Hawaii) on 5 April 1824. At the time, *Ha 'aheo o Hawaii 'i (Pride of Hawaii)* was the Royal Hawaiian Yacht of King Kamehameha II. She was built as *Cleopatra's Barge* at Salem, MA in 1816. Her saga makes today's soap operas soporific by comparison, and we will be going back to Hanalei Bay this July to complete the underwater archaeological excavation of her remains." Paul is the Curator of Maritime History at the National Museum of American History, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, DC. ■ In March, **Mark** and **Linda Creigh Nyvall** of Minneapolis, MN, introduced their children, Kate (14) and Peter (10), to the "Blueline Club." The four Nyvalls joined the spirited Middlebury contingent at the NCAA Division III Hockey Finals in River Falls, WI, and saw the Panthers win their second straight national title. Many of the hard-working Middlebury skaters reminded Linda and Mark of **Bill "Ruggie" Everett**! The Nyvalls enjoyed visiting with old Midd friends, such as Ed "Zeke" Sommers '60, who—almost 30 years ago—interviewed Mark as a prospective Middlebury student! Linda and Mark hope to bring Kate and Peter to our 25th Reunion next year, and are especially looking forward to seeing Mark's old roommate, **Elliot Polebaum**; his wife, Gilda Brancato; and their children, Danielle and David. The Nyvalls report having had an outstanding time at the Polebaum-Brancato home last year during a visit to Washington, DC. ■ Did you catch that timely reference in the preceding class note? Our 25th (yikes!) Reunion is but a year away. Start planning now to make the trip to Middlebury in '97.

1973

Class Secretaries: *Robert L. Badger (badgerrl@potsdam.edu), 16 Grant St., Potsdam, NY 13676, and H. Kit Fuller (kitfuller@usgs.gov), 4600 Cloud Ct., Boulder, CO 80301.*

Lois Ongley, an assistant prof. of geology at Bates College, and 12 of her students completed an investigation of arsenic contamination in the water supply of a small town Mexico. Funded by an NSF grant, the study's findings resulted in the closing of a contaminated well. Lois and husband Bill Todd-Brown have three daughters—Kathe, Jessica, and Margaret. ■ Playing bass, **Peter Hamlin** and some fellow faculty members at St. Olaf College presented an informal jazz concert last February. ■ **Greg Gilman** writes, "Have reestablished contact with **Titus Case** after reading about him in *Powder* magazine. He is alive and well and still at Alta, where he is head of avalanche control. When the snow is gone, he divides his time between golf, hiking, and kayaking." ■ **Carolyn Needy Rudnick** and daughter Elizabeth were in Edinburgh this June to visit **Laura Reinertsen Meagher** and her family, before the Meaghers returned to the States in July. The Rudnicks are in the early stages of college hunting already! Many of us are dreading that! ■ Several classmates are living in VT. **Bob Shaw**, who left his position as curator of the Shelburne Museum in fall 1994, still lives in Shelburne with wife Nancy and daughters Emma (9) and Georgia (5). Having published *America's Traditional Crafts* (1993) and *Quilts: A Living Tradition* (1995), he has books on Hawaiian quilts and American baskets in production, and is working on books on masterpiece guitars and art quilts, both scheduled for publication next year. ■ **Kevin W. Kenlan** (k2@vnet.ibm.com) is the business operations manager for microprocessor products at IBM in Essex Jct., VT. "There are actually quite a few Midd alums working here as well. My wife, Kris (Hardy) '74, is a sixth grade math/science teacher in South Burlington. We have two sons, Peter (15) and Tim (12). Last summer we went on a two-week family vacation and drove through WY, MT, ID, and UT. It was great fun, despite the long miles, and I was able to revisit some places I saw back in '71 on a cross-country 'fear and loathing' trip with Eric Jensen ('72) and **Re-Bob Barry**. It's great being in VT and close to Middlebury. We get down for the occasional hockey, soccer, or lacrosse game. Frisbees, leaping dogs, and Grateful Dead music still fill the air." ■ **Roberta Sturgis Turkowitz** is still working for ViON Corp., a small business selling computers to the federal government. Bobby's husband, Ralph, is now VP, technology, of the *Washington Post*, as well as CEO of Digital Ink, the Post's online newspaper (on the Web as of June at www.washingtonpost.com). Bobby's fund-raising efforts have included the *Washington Post*'s Super Sale to benefit the Nina Hyde Breast Cancer Research Center and the annual American Cancer Society's International Luncheon and Fashion Show. On Sunday mornings, her whole family serves breakfast to the homeless. The family has biked in the Canadian Rockies, Nova Scotia, San Juan Islands, and the Loire Valley, where Bobby's French accent received many compliments! Sons Michael (9th grade) and Jeffrey (7th grade) go to Camp Merrowvista in NH, where they spend time with **Jay Aronson**'s son, Eric. Bobby also keeps in close touch with **Janet Zizzi Magel**, and she has taken her family to several of **Andy Wentzel**'s opera performances. ■ **Martha McGarry Miller** is a partner in the mergers and acquisitions group of Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher, and Flom, a large law firm in NYC, where she has "worked on many mega-deals." She and husband Gar Miller '72 and daughter Cornelia (7) enjoy dude ranches out west, the Metropolitan Opera, and their weekend house in Locust Valley, L.I. After many years on Wall Street, Gar has started his own investment banking firm, Aegis Energy Advisors Group. "We've been living in New York City for 22 years and still enjoy it. But we don't see as many Middlebury grads as we'd like to." ■ **Larry Novins** (lnovins@defgen.state.vt.us) e-mails: "It's hard to believe that I have been back in the Middlebury area for 13 years and that I am in my 12th year as a VT public defender. Our family, wife Misse (also a lawyer) and daughter Emma (6), tries to get as much use out of the Snow Bowl as we can. Emma has become quite a hockey fan and enjoyed going with me to see championship teams the last two years. We still hear from old Midd friends from time to time, and would love to hear from the ones we have lost touch with over the years." ■ Many of us feel that way! Looking forward to a MAJOR reunion in 1998, we need to start getting back in touch with Midd friends in our various locales—which now includes cyberspace! Please write or use e-mail. We're online and listening.

1974

Class Secretary: *Barry Schultz King, P.O. Box 77, Ripton, VT 05766.*

Dana T. Pickard and Joyce Elden were married on March 15, 1996, in a quiet ceremony in a tropical orchid garden in Key West. Both Dana and Joyce are attorneys in FL. Dana is a trusts and estates partner with the Palm Beach office of Edwards & Angell. ■ In Louisville, KY, Rhonda and **Michael Williams** live in a beautiful old Victorian house. Michael's newest novel, *Arcady*, has recently been released by Penguin Books. It is dedicated to the memory of **Mark Gromer** "who, I think, shaped more people in a short life than he could ever possibly have known." Michael reports that he misses VT's spring fickleness and sense of anticipation, but is happy to be in the more temperate south in February! ■ This was a winter for Class of '74 thespians in the local area: **Chris Granstrom** and daughter Sarah performed in *A Child's Christmas in Wales* with the Middlebury Community Players, and **Andy Jackson** was in the Lyric Theater Production of *The Music Man.*

This critic gave three thumbs up to each actor! ■ I see **Sue Coburn Humphrey** from time to time at the VT Bookshop in Middlebury, where she has been working part time for over a year. Sue jokingly calls herself a "recovering teacher," having taught school or preschool for 17 years. Her husband, Greg, also a former teacher, is co-director of a National Science Foundation Grant teaching physics to elementary school teachers. Son Andy (17) is a junior at Holderness School; son Danny (13) is at the junior high in Middlebury. ■ After more than 20 years with Keewaydin, I (**Barry Schutz King**) have decided to step down as the director of the Keewaydin Environmental Education Center. I will probably stay on through the fall season and then have no immediate plans—other than to live at home throughout the year and to enjoy not eating French toast every Tuesday morning and spaghetti every Thursday night!

1975

Class Secretaries: *Becca Gustafson Brown (72437.1164@compuserve.com), 1 Roseland Rd., Worcester, MA 01609; and Tony MacDonald, 150 12th St., NE, Washington, DC 20002.*

When Becca visited Tony in DC last March, the two of us caught up with **Peter Schlosser** in nearby Rockville, MD, and met his family—wife Lydia and children Adam (13), Sophie (10), and Lucy (8). Peter went to graduate school in fine arts and many of his impressive paintings hung on the walls of their home. Having worked for the family construction business for several years, he confessed sheepishly that he hasn't done any painting for far too long. Any "free time" is taken up with various family activities. Peter was eager to hear about old Midd friends and confirmed that he goes straight to the class notes upon receiving the *Middlebury Magazine*, as most of us do! Keep those cards and letters flowing in! ■ Tony recently discovered that he lives only a few blocks from **Larry Bowers** on Capitol Hill in Washington. Larry and wife Susan have been married 14 years and have two children, Langley (10) and Case (6). They live above his dental practice in DC and any spare time is apparently devoted to Cub Scouts, rollerblading, soccer, swing dancing, and "this old house." ■ Tony also heard from **Bob Bourque**, who is a litigation partner for the NYC law firm Simpson, Thatcher, and Bartlett. He deals primarily with intellectual property, environmental, and other science related work. Bob is married to Yale grad Katherine Staton and reports that their children, Mikey (4) and Annie (2), dominate their non-work lives. ■ **Jerry Buffa** writes that there seems to be a marked lack of Midd mini-reunions out west. Take note, West Coast alumni. Living in Dana Point, CA, Jerry earns extra money to send his children, Nicola and Coleman, to private school by running a musical mail order business. The operation employs Jerry's wife, sister, and a handful of others. ■ **Rory B. Riggs** was recently appointed president of the Ridgefield biomedical company. Rory was formerly chief executive officer of RF&P Corp. ■ **Sarah Kotchian**, director of the Albuquerque Environmental Health Department, attended the United Nations 4th World Conference on Women in Beijing, China, in September 1995, working on public health, hunger, and poverty issues. She is co-chairing an international group on the sustainability of the Rio Grande/Rio Bravo in the U.S. and Mexico. Sarah and daughter Laura (10) were planning to visit Japan on a peace and sister cities exchange. She can be reached by e-mail at sarahk@cabq.gov. ■ Catherine and **Richards Gordon** welcomed son Charles Bishop Gordon on March 14, 1996. ■ Good luck to Hamden (CT) Democrat **Craig Henrici**, who has decided to run for the 103rd District seat in the state House of Representatives. Craig has served 14 years (10 as president) on the Legislative Council. ■ A wonderful, newsy e-mail from **David Tatgenhorst** (Tathorst@zola.trend1.com) brought news about his new son. In June 1995, David and wife Catherine McCoubrey heard that birthparents in Pittsburgh had chosen them to be their baby's adoptive parents. The Tatgenhorsts agreed that the birthparents could name the boy. That Sunday David preached to his congregation about the prophet Elijah from the Book of Kings. Shortly thereafter, they discovered that their new son's parents had chosen the name Elijah—from a science fiction novel! They were thrilled. David has been pastor for the last six years at Calvary Church, a diverse, progressive congregation near the Univ. of PA. Calvary welcomes lesbian, gay, and bisexual membership and is addressing and challenging racism within the community. Sunday celebrations often include African drums and dancing, sharing from congregation members, gospel, jazz, or classical piano.

1976

REUNION CLASS

Class Secretaries: *Marion Adler, 530 N. Linden, Oak Park, IL 60302; Jennifer Cogswell, 6 Overlook Rd., Waltham, MA 02154; and John M. Henderson, 131 Martin Rd., Concord, MA 01742.*

Outgoing secretary **Bill Kuharich** reports after our 20th Reunion: **Chris Mead** and **Gail Robinson**, both full-time attorneys in the S.F. Bay area, live in Orinda with Helen (5), Carson (3), and Cooper (3). ■ In Georgetown, **Richard Maeder** owns a coffee company and wife Marybeth is an officer of Riggs Bank in DC. Daughter Clara Marie is 5; son Stuart Philip is 2. ■ *New York Times* L.A. correspondent **Jim Sterngold** lives in Pacific Palisades, CA, with wife Ellen Rudolph, Marina (5) and Samuel (3). ■ In Waldoboro, ME, Ted '78 and **Delia Walch Mohler** live where "we have built a pond and have over 150 bird species on our property. Come visit us." Ted is a family physician and Delia is at home with Ben (11) and Eliza (8). ■ **Debra Smith Bernard** is a translator and writer of summaries for the U.N. in Geneva. Debra and husband Benoit enjoy hiking, biking, skiing, and renovating their old farmhouse. ■ **Bill** and **Susan Potter Spencer** live in Weston, MA, with Matthew (13), Anna (11), and Jon (8). Bill is in computer software; Sue is a developmental educator; kids are in professional production of *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*, with Donny Osmond. ■ **Peter Boucher** left First Boston to work for Allied Signal in Bloomfield Hills, MI. He came to reunion with wife Caroline (Christen) '78, as well as Sarah (7), and budding lacrosse phenom Whit (9). ■ **Jennifer Cogswell** is a location scout on feature films made for TV movies and commercials. She was location manager for *CBS Murder Mystery* with Mark Harmon and for *Never Met Picasso*, with Margot Kidder and Alexis Arquette. ■ Jean and **Joe Corbett** live in Pittsford, VT, with sons Joe III, John, Jim, and Jeff. Joe, who works with the VT Neurosurgery Associates, recently had dinner with Wendy and **John Doane** of Westford, VT. John is an architect. ■ Stephen '75 and **Nancy Smith Detra** live in Guilford, VT, with Stephen (9) and Nellie (3). Nancy is a *Brattleboro Reformer* reporter/editorial asst. ■ Kevin '75 and **Carol Porter Donahue** (carolhue@aol.com) live in W. Brookfield, MA, with Anna (13) and Kevin (11). Carol is a teacher. ■ Formerly a Small Business Administration lawyer, **Patty Forbes** (prforbes@aol.com) is now an assoc. deputy administrator for economic development. Patty and husband **Gary Gray** live in Arlington, VA, with Caitlin (14), Nora (12), and Amy (10). Gary (gdgray2610@aol.com) is an attorney with the Dept. of Justice in the tax div. ■ **John Germanow** is a consultant in Rochester, NY, raising startup and venture capital for new companies. His revised family lifestyle involves every other week with sons Gabriel (10) and Jesse (7), and the next week meeting people to find the "right companion." ■ Rick '75 and **Karen Anderson Greene**, who never left Middlebury, now own Skihaus (Middlebury and Winooski). Karen comments, "I have lots to be thankful for—a great family, a wonderful home, a supportive church, and a beautiful state." Well said. Special thanks to Karen and Rick for hosting a tennis/pool party during reunion weekend! ■ Environmental engineer **Jack Henderson** and wife Susan are in the sixth year of renovating their Concord, MA, home. Their children are Sara Beth (7) and J.B. (5). ■ **Carolyn Heard** (heard@is2.nyu.edu) has been teaching languages for several years in Switzerland and Italy, as well as traveling to Greece and Israel. Now an asst. prof. of English at NYU, she's also working on an ESL textbook for business professionals. ■ In Laguna Niguel. CA, **Kim Loewer** is self-employed as an accountant and tax consultant. Thanks for a great job in spearheading our class giving, Kim! ■ Towson, MD, CPA **Joe McLaughlin** and wife Jacqueline Boyce have two children, Rebecca Dawn (9) and Katherine Lynne (5). Joe is learning to play golf (*fore*) and enjoys reading New Testament Greek. ■ NYC attorney **Carol Miller** lives in Larchmont, NY, with husband Richard Levy, Jr., Rachel (8) and Michael (5 1/2). ■ **Kathe Flinker Mullally** is a deputy attorney general, specializing in environmental law. Husband Bill is a doctor. Kathe received a nursing degree (Columbia 1980), married Bill (1982), moved to NJ, entered law school, restored a 300-year-old home, traveled to Europe, Africa, Asia, and South America—and had Billy (9), Jamie (4), and Christopher (9 mos.). Very impressive, Kathe. ■ **Stephen Swalm**, in commercial real estate in Denver, is married to wife Kathy and the proud dad of Katie (9 mos.). ■ **James Williams, Jr.**, is an orthopedic surgeon in sports medicine at the Cleveland clinic. He and wife Cynthia have five children, Jimmy (13), Andrew (10), Tyler (8), Teddy (7), and Molly (3). ■ We regret to report the death of **James W. Griffin** on May 9, 1995, and send the condolences of the class to Beth and the family. Beth writes: "He was a real Midd fan and was anticipating his 20th. Many Midd friends attended Jim's funeral. I hope his class has a wonderful reunion—we would definitely have been there. Please send my best to all." A memorial appears elsewhere in this issue. ■ **Jill Cowperthwaite** lives in Denver with husband Charles Pownall Jones, Caroline (9) and Lucy (7). Jill works in development for a pre-K-5 school. She is also president of the Midd Rocky Mountain Chapter. "I love my job and my girls are my greatest challenges and delights." ■ An environmental consultant specializing in water quality and wetlands, **Paula Daukas** lives in Denver with husband Jeff Wright, Lila (2 1/2) and Sophia (6 mos.). Paula owns a cabin in Ripton, VT, with **Kate Troast**. Special, special thanks to Jill and Paula for their time, effort, and organization to make our 20th Reunion a great success. ■ We would like to rec-

Jane Crandall '76 and Peter Kontrimas (see 1976 column)

ognize Dean Wonnacott, David Rosenberg, John Elder, and our beloved history prof. David Stameshkin (who has just completed the second book about Middlebury—*The Strength of the Hills: Middlebury College 1915-1990*), for being a part of our class dinner at Hadley Barn. We also congratulate our class for making a class gift of $177,109 to the College, from 57 percent of our class members. ■ **Marion Adler** was sorry to miss reunion, but was tied up preparing for a trial. While we were boogying to Zydeco music in Johnson, Marion was holed up in the Sears Tower, putting finishing touches on briefs. Marion and husband Dave McCormick '74 still live in their 1912 prairie style house in Oak Park, IL. Son Michael (8) started skiing two years ago and this year clearly surpassed mom on the slopes. ■ Class secretaries **Marion Adler**, **Thomas Hitch**, and **Bill Kuharich** have thoroughly enjoyed keeping all informed for the last five years. Marion has agreed to continue as a class secretary, and she will be joined for the next five years by **Jennifer Cogswell** and **Jack Henderson**, who were elected during our dinner at Hadley. See you all in 2001 for our 25th Reunion! ❖ *PHOTO CAPTION:* The marriage of **Jane Crandall** and Peter Kontrimas took place on September 16, 1995. The newlyweds live in Westwood, MA.

1977

Class Secretaries: *Virginia L. Jones (giniajo@aol.com), 250 County St., Taunton, MA 02780; and William R. Thickstun (xwrt@zorba.info.sunyit.edu), 76 Utica St., Clinton, NY 13323.*

Robert S. Bruns IV has been named a principal in the Stamford, CT, office of William M. Mercer, Inc. A consultant in Mercer's flexible benefits/HMO administration practice, he and wife Paula live in Ridgefield with their children, Kate, Ben, and Timmy. ■ **Julie Mason Lacey** is now a contented full-time mother to son Gordon Mason Lacey, born February 28, 1995: "The many times I thought it would never happen make it all the more precious." Julie often visits the Middlebury area and remains in touch with **Ned Bradford**. ■ After 10 years on the Columbia School of Medicine faculty, **Robert Sideli** has started a physician management company with two partners. He finds himself in the middle of the action in the "wrenching convulsions of change" in the private health care market. He is also "buying a little piece (two acres between Sugarbush and Mad River) ofVT to call my own." ■ **Jim Stoner** (poston@unix1.sncc.lsu.edu) spent '95-'96 on leave from LSU, working on his second book, a study of common law elements in American constitutionalism. Last October he traveled to Middlebury with wife Jill and daughters Rosalie (born 3/31/93) and Cecilia (11/17/94) to lecture on "Lincoln and the Origins of Modern Judicial Review," followed by an exchange with Mr. Dry on the Gingrich Revolution. He welcomes classmates to look him up in New Orleans when they come to town, and recommends **Jay Heinrichs**' "fine piece" about rhetoric at Harvard in the *Harvard Magazine* last fall. ■ Jay himself writes that his kids, Dorothy (11) and George (8), are nordic skiers and avid mountaineers; wife Dorothy is a selectman in the town of Hanover, NH, and he is the "underachiever of the family. The kids say I show a lot of potential, though." Last year Jay did an unguided climb of Mt. Rainier with a few friends. Later in WY he broke up a gang of pack rustlers who had stolen his gear. Jay occasionally gets together for canoeing and other activities with **Tom** and **Ellen Fairchild Martyn**. *Newsweek* has twice declared the Dartmouth alumni magazine, which Jay edits, the best in education. Jay's first book, *The Yankee Way to Simplify Your Life*, will be published by William Morrow this fall. ■ **Linda Ruth Spitzfaden** has started her own business as a consultant for magazine publishers: "It's great fun reporting to yourself—and all the clients, of course." Linda's husband, Greg, runs his own international relief business, which has involved travel to Croatia and Bosnia. With two daughters (4 and 7), Linda is working with a group of mothers to investigate bringing a charter school to southern NH. Her involvement with the Natural Law Party has included running for public office, attending an international convention in Brussels last summer, and writing a book. In her spare time (!) she teaches Transcendental Meditation. Linda stays in touch with **Cathy von Klemperer Utzschneider** and **Thayer Preece Woodcock**, and is godmother to their sons: Jonathan Woodcock (4), adopted from El Salvador and the second of two boys, and Will Utzschneider, born in September '95. ■ **Gwendolyn Toth** reports that more than a dozen rave reviews had already come in on her first recording—a two-CD set of Monteverdi's opera *Orfeo* on the Lyrichord label. She directs her own early music ensemble, ARTEK (5-30 performers, depending on the music—harpsichord, organ, lutes, bass lutes, guitar, harp, gamba, and cello, with occasional singers, strings, and wind players) which generally performs 17th- and 18th-century music. Gwen's husband, Dongsok Shin, spent over a year producing and editing the recording: "That's true love!" Kids Samantha Shin (6) and Linnea Shin (4) recently lost visiting privileges at Alice Tully Hall, where their dad often works, because of rambunctious behavior. "They still let them in Carnegie, though." ■ **John Ofsonka** writes that **John Petrik** is out of the army now, teaching philosophy and international relations at Rockhurst College in Kansas City, MO. ■ **Steve Maire** has moved to Thailand (39/136 Soi Nichida Thani, Samakee Road, Pakkret, Nonthaburi 11120, Thailand) with wife Kim, son Christopher (7) and daughter Caroline (3). Steve has been in touch with **Michael March** in Hong Kong, and Steve helped organize John McCardell's reception in Hong Kong last year. John Berninghausen has also been "a regular visitor to these parts," plus a family living next door to him in Bangkok came from Middlebury: "Tell me the world is not a strange place." ■ **Victor King** is "enjoying life more than ever these days." Bridge and squash now compete with his new love, pottery. "Work consists of solving problems (computer programming at Aetna) and is challenging." ■ **Elizabeth Torres Rademakers** transferred from Middlebury after our freshman year to SUNY, Fredonia, where she majored in psychology and went on to receive a master's in school psychology from Miami University (Oxford, OH). She lives with her daughter in OK, where she has been working for over 16 years with the State Department of Education. Liz remembers her year at Middlebury with fondness, and remembers many friends, particularly **Johnna Murray Camp, Susan Peters, Sara Levinson**, and **Marcia Smith Copperwhite**. ■ **Katie Lange Dolan** moved to IN this year (800 Cedar Hill Dr., Evansville, IN 47710), where she is working for a system of Catholic hospitals in the Midwest. She finds "lots of cornfields, bike riding, country music, and family activities, but no good restaurants—and no *New York Times*!" ■ **Sandy Koch McFarren** has a new address (1776 Brush Dr., Carson City, NV 89703). She looks forward to seeing **Mark** and **Susan Kenyon Wesner, Margy Norton Campion, Cristal Weber, Patty Wilson, Cathy Ellis Weeks**, and "many others!" at reunion. ■ **Sybil Woods-Smith** is a poet, fiction and nonfiction writer who has been widely published in—among many others—*New England Review/ Bread Loaf Quarterly, Southern Poetry Review, Peregrine, The Northern Review, Ithaca Women's Anthology, Yankee Magazine*, and in the anthologies *The Breast* (Global City Press), *Between the Heartbeats* (Univ. of IA Press), and *But Do They Have Field Experience?* (Kumarian Press), which contains an account of the two weeks she worked as a nurse in Honduras. After Middlebury she went to nursing school because she thought nursing would be better for her writing than enrolling in an MFA program, with "a gaggle of other writers, and I think this has proved to be true." Sybil still works part time as a nurse, "to keep body together. Soul is taken care of." Her daughter, Celia (10), is "a chip off the old block." ■ **Lisa Peterson Fitzgerald** recently moved to Santa Fe, after seven years at Universal Studios as development VP for Oscar-nominated writer-producers

Enjoying a camping trip last summer were Linda Seto '80, Rachel, Anna, James, and Peter Templeton '80, along with Lisa, Winn, Robbie, and Todd de Burlo '81.

Bruce Evans and Raynold Gideon, whose credits include *Starman, Stand By Me, Kuffs*, and *Assassins*. She now manages writers, marketing screenplays and book film rights to Hollywood. She recently co-produced a one-hour special for NBC, hosted by Jay Thomas, called *Extremely Weird*, which she describes as a cross between *Ripley's Believe It or Not* and *That's Incredible*. Lisa flew to Boston for the birthday of Pamela Tanner Boll '76, a surprise weekend planned in secret by Pam's husband, **Hunter Boll**. According to Lisa, Pam is raising three boys, "honing her considerable writing talent," and teaching a literature course at Harvard. ■ **Duncan Law**, who "had the privilege of turning 40 recently, writes that he "was joined on that sad occasion by **John Clemency, John Turney, Bruce Pinsky**, Chris Lincoln '78, and Jay Harvey '78." He also attended 40th birthday parties for Clemency, Pinsky, and **Sally Nestler O'Neill**, and played in the '95 Alumni Golf Tournament with Clemency, Pinsky, and Harvey. Now that Duncan's two boys, DK (5) and Robbie (3), are "both in school...finally," his wife Carrie is going back to work in radio advertising. Duncan recently joined Ernst and Young, after 10 years with Lotus Development and a spin-off company. "Back pain is a regular occurrence—a sign of both middle age and middle management. My golf handicap is lower, my blood pressure is higher." ■ **Brian Halpern** participated as sports medicine physician for the AXA World Ride '95, a bicycle ride around the world for disabled athletes. Beginning March 17 in Atlanta, the course ran up the East Coast, through the UK, across Europe and Russia, into Mongolia, China, Japan, and then back from Los Angeles to Washington by November 18. Many of the able-bodied cyclists who joined the race were "in fact more disabled than the labeled 'disabled' athletes." Because the team was received in many countries where disabilities are often shoved into a corner, it had an "incredible" effect in raising people's consciousness about the extraordinary athletic potential of the disabled.

1978

Class Secretaries: *Michael Abend (MikeAbend@aol.com), 119 Maple St., Carlisle, MA 01741; Kevin D. O'Leary (taterandal@aol.com), 4912 Denny Ave., North Hollywood, CA 91601; and Helen Cooke Pyne, 69 Stern La., Atherton, CA 94027.*

When former Majority Leader George Mitchell (D-ME) decided it was time to retire, long-time Democratic staffer **Bob Carolla** decided it was time for a position off the Hill. Years ago he had served as press secretary for Americans for Democratic Action. In late 1995 he was named director of communications for ADA. Although he finds it "healthy to get off the Hill, at least now and again," he admits that "it is a transition." ■ We are excited to report that Asa '79 and **Marnie Brewster Phillips** welcomed Margaret Crocker Phillips ("Molly") on March 31, 1996. Molly has a big brother, Asa, born February '95. ■ We are also pleased to report (and may have been remiss in not reporting earlier) that **Anne Groton**'s firstborn baby's name is Chester Groton Jacobs, born July 26, 1995. Ann's still working, but is managing to have lots of fun in her mom role and reports he has been an easy baby. ■ **Jim Phillips** has joined the Private Bank at Bank of America in Newport Beach, CA. Jim will direct a team dedicated to serving the diverse financial and investment needs of the bank's wealthiest individual clients, family offices, trusts, and foundations. Jim and Barbara celebrated their 15th anniversary in June. Son Christopher just turned 14 and daughter Jessica is 8 this summer. ■ **Lani Nicholson** is a psychiatrist specializing in children and adolescents. Lani works part time with a medical group and at a special needs school with an adolescent group home. Her husband, David Stormberg, is also a psychiatrist. Lani and David live in Needham, MA, and have a daughter, Rebecca Lee, born March 21, 1995. ■ **Moo Thorpe** has been in a Santa Fe real estate partnership for nine years. In a recent interview in the *Santa Fe New Mexican*, she said she likes "putting people and places together and being able to be out and about in an area I love so much." A long distance runner, she ran marathons in Boston and New York before trading in competitive running for mothering Molly (5) and Jessie (2). She sang for many years with the NM Symphony Orchestra and Chorus of Santa Fe, but now sings only in a church choir. Her husband, Marc Talbert, has published 10 books for young adults and has won several awards. ■ **Phyllis Wendell Mackey** and family are enjoying life on the Eastern Shore of MD, although Phyl still misses New England's friends, politics, mountains, and easily accessible skiing. Son Wil (8) and daughter Anna (5) are a joy and keep life hopping. In addition, Phyl is performing contract work for a local nonprofit organization, coordinating a scholarship fund for a math and science camp for girls, volunteering for her Unitarian Universalist Fellowship at her kid's school, and serving as area chair for the Midd Alumni Admissions Program! This summer, Phyl, Mike, and the kids planned to spend some time in Puerto Rico, where Mike's work frequently takes him. Living in Easton, Phyl enjoys living closer to Amgad and **Jane Leggett Emil** and daughters Elise and Katey. ■ It's wonderful to hear from everyone and we ask that you continue to send us your news, so that we can all stay in touch.

1979

Class Secretaries: *Donna Brewer MacKenna (dbmack@aol.com), 125 School St., South Hamilton, MA 01982; and Margaret A. Paine (mapaine@christa.unh.edu), 17 Old Landing Road, Durham, N.H. 03824*

If you live in the Boston area, keep an eye on the *Globe*'s arts section for a chance to hear **Majie Zeller** sing with the Cantata Singers. The group performed at Jordan Hall this spring and does about four concerts a year. Majie coordinated the Singers' outreach program in the Boston Public Schools last year, giving children a chance to write and perform their own choral music. She keeps in touch with **Suzie Devine**, who is a member of the New England Classical Singers—in between running after her children and doing volunteer work. Suzie lives in Andover, MA. ■ Three boys under the age of seven keep **Lora Schofield Ilhardt** on the go. A 1982 graduate of Harvard Law School, Lora is taking a sabbatical from her law career to raise Alex, Peter, and Stephen in Glen Ellyn, IL. She reports she's "having a blast with them." Husband Kent is in commercial real estate in Chicago. ■ George and **Elibet Moore Chase** have three daughters—Emma (8), Mary (6), and Lucy (3 1/2)—in Concord, NH. George teaches history at St. Paul's School where, Elibet reports, they "live in a spacious apartment with 34 adolescent boys a wall's width away. At least they're into '70s music! Boarding school is a strenuous lifestyle; we're not sure nine months on 24 hours a day and three months off is 'the middle way,' as George calls it." Elibet is moderator for the Spouses Group, "the current day manifestation of faculty wives. We no longer pour tea, but do whatever we can to improve community life." She does freelance writing for the school and will do part-time writing next year. ■ Congratulations to Benjamin and **Lisa Salyard Brussell**, who became first-time parents on January 26, 1996, with the birth of son Alexander. The Brussells love living in Boulder, CO. ■ Family matters are also occupying much of **Michael Elwin**'s time. He's contemplating a visit to show Middlebury to son Michael (16). Bryan (13) and Douglas (9) are still more concerned with baseball than college. Living in Bellevue, WA, Michael does marketing research for PriceCostco. Unfortunately for his WRMC fans, Michael has given up radio shows for collecting stamps from the island of Dominica in the West Indies—his birthplace. ■ John and **Kristina Ball Carrick** and their two children live in Wakefield, MA, where Tina has served for six years as a trustee at the Beebe Library. ■ **Asa** and Marnie Brewster '78 **Phillips** welcomed daughter Margaret "Molly" in March, as you will note in the 1978 column. ■ **Larry Blinn** not only has no children, he's still single. If you have suggestions, or even if you don't, you can e-mail him at BlinSki@aol.com in the beautiful mountains of NC. When not working as a radiologist in Asheville, Larry is biking, rollerblading, and hiking. He satisfies his craving for cold and snow by heading to UT and CO a couple of times a winter. Larry still plays acoustic guitar in Asheville coffeehouses from time to time. ■ **Lex** and **Beth Sasser Eley** (cse@br1.hhlaw.com) have been living in Brussels, Belgium, for more than five years. Before that they were in Richmond, VA, where Beth was in a decorating and antiques business. She has now expanded the business to Europe, prowling the antiques auctions in Belgium and sending shipments back to Richmond and Washington to be sold through decorators and antiques shops. Lex is managing partner of the Brussels office of Hogan & Hartson, a large DC-based law firm. Daughters Wiley and Rebecca are very happy at the International School of Brussels. ■ In Brattleboro, VT, **Theodore C. Kramer** is one of the founding partners of the law firm of Kramer & Durkin, serving as general counsel for the Town of Brattleboro and several other area towns and school districts. Ted served as law clerk to Chief Judge Albert. W. Coffrin '41 in 1981 and has been chair of the VT Human Services Board since 1992. ■ Thank you to all who answered our pleas for news. If you enjoy reading the notes, remember that others want to hear what you're doing. Write, call, or e-mail us!

1980

Class Secretaries: *David and Laura LaFever Austin, 305 Swift St., S. Burlington, VT 05403.*

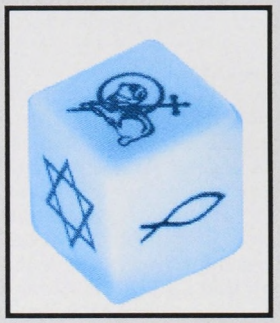
Congratulations to Gabrielle and **Scott Russell**, who are pleased to announce the arrival of daughter Marley Madison Russell on March 17, 1996. ■ Congratulations also to newlyweds **Pamela Roller** and Ken Richardson, married on April 28, 1995. ■ **Linda Seto** and **Peter Templeton** are leading busy lives out in El Prado, NM. Linda has a fiber business and is co-founder and director at Country Day School, while Peter does woodworking. For news of their family, see the 1981 column, under Todd de Burlo '81, and a photo in this issue. ■ Navy Lt. Cmdr. **Frank L. Harrison**, serving aboard the amphibious assault ship *U.S.S. Guam*, has been participating in operations off the west African coast of Liberia, helping evacuate U.S. citizens from Monrovia. His group recently moved into that area from the Adriatic Sea, where they were supporting the peace implementation forces in Bosnia.

Class Act

Divine Madness

Perhaps one of the most important lessons **Jenny Merrick Vecchio** '84 learned at Middlebury is that learning can be fun. She's taken on the world's religions and cultures, creating a documented cue-card game, Divine MadnessTM, that offers information at the end of each role of the die.

The game is easy to play, following the format of popular trivia games. A player roles the die, which lands with the symbol of one of the world's religions on top. Matching the symbol from the die to the symbol next to a question about that faith, the player then responds to the question on the playing card, often by choosing among the multiple choice answers supplied. A correct answer earns 10 points and enables the player to take another turn; an incorrect answer enables the next player to take a turn. The first player to score 100 wins the game. Beginners may have difficulty answering some of the questions, but that is the point of the game: everyone playing learns about the religions and the cultures that produced them.



Vecchio developed the game to teach 12-year-olds about their own and others' religions. Divine Madness explores Buddhism, Christianity, Hinduism, Islam, and Judaism; its wild card symbol helps players explore smaller religions or sects, such as Swedenborgian. Each card provides not only the answers to the individual questions on the reverse, but also gives the bibliographic references for these responses, supplying sources for players to delve deeper into the subjects raised. Various clergy from all the faiths have reviewed (and endorsed) the game and the information its 600 questions and answers teach.

Which does Islam traditionally emphasize: the triumph of the individual's free will or the predestination of outcomes, both good and bad? What are stigmata: miraculous wounds often experienced by saints, miraculous healing through faith alone, or unrepentant sinners barred from communion? On which holiday is "Kol Nidre" said: Rosh Hashanah, Pesach, or Yom Kippur? You can play your way to knowledge about these and other aspects of various religions.

Vecchio credits the College's broad-based liberal arts curriculum with enabling her to create, publish, and market an educational game with a serious subject (religion) outside of her own field (German). She majored in German at Middlebury and earned an M.A. from the German School in 1987. But the volunteer duties often associated with motherhood, including teaching Sunday school, have taken her into a brave new world—make that the brave old world of this planet's great faiths. ■

1981

Reunion Class

Class Secretaries: *Anne Borchardt Exler, 6160 Llanfair Dr., Columbia, MD 21044; and Sue Dutcher Wagley, 4060 Hanover, Dallas, TX 75225.*

We had a great time at reunion and were happy to see so many '81ers there! Lots of classmates brought beautiful babies for their first look at Midd. ■ At only three weeks, Madeleine Holland Starr (born May 9), daughter of **Judy Holland** and John Starr, was the youngest in attendance. Madeleine's big sister is Lindsay (2 1/2). Judy is national editor at the Washington bureau of Hearst newspapers; John is a spine surgeon at GWUniv. ■ Not much older was Maddalena Grace Chiappetta, born April 5 to **Dave Chiappetta** and Peg Lawler. Maddalena's brother, Louis, is 2. Dave is a soil scientist in Readfield, ME. ■ **Peter Doelger**'s son, Thomas Arthur (born March 26) added his comments to President McCardell's remarks at the class dinner. Peter is an obstetrician in West Hartford, CT; wife Nancy Trout is a pediatrician. Their other children are Abigail Christin (5) and Sarah Lilian (3 1/2). ■ **Kevin** and Danielle Lamm '82 **Granath** brought Caroline Aleen (born January 18) and Nicole (2 1/2). Kevin works in sales and marketing at ESPN; Danielle works in marketing for Disney. The Granaths live in Darien, CT. ■ Clark and **Megan Wonnacott Sutton** have three children: Elsie (8 1/2), Graham (5 1/2), and Wesley (born October 3, 1995). Megan is a full-time mom and Clark is a carpenter in Weybridge, VT. ■ Michael and **Susan Kennedy Kalafatis**'s daughter, Kathleen Irina, was born September 6, 1995. They live in Burlington, where Michael is a biochemist at UVM. ■ Bob and **Joan Foster Evans** recently moved to Needham, MA, where they try to keep up with energetic Samuel Foster Evans (born Christmas Eve, 1994). After nine years in the telecommunications field, Joan completed her law degree (Suffolk Univ. Law School, cum laude, '93) and is now working in the legal division of the Commonwealth of MA Dept. of Public Utilities, on electric industry restructuring and other issues. ■ **Alice Tower Knapp** brought photos of her children (ages 3, 5, and 7) and of the Iditarod dogsled race passing through her backyard in Anchorage, AK, where the Knapps distributed muffins to mushers. Alice has just started a new job as an elementary school librarian. ■ **Christine Bishop** is living in Edina, MN, where she is an international liaison in the education dept. of Medtronics, a high-tech medical device company. Her job takes her to Asia and Europe. She is working on her master's degree in international management. ■ **Tammy Hagerty** is involved in her family's business, Hagerty Insurance (800/922-4050), which is insuring classic wooden boats and classic cars. Tammy's hobbies are coaching kids in ski racing and raising Portuguese water dogs. ■ We hope to see even more of you at our 20th Reunion in 2001! We are also happy to announce that the Class of 1981 surpassed our goal of $120,000 toward a class gift at our 15th Reunion! We presented the College with a gift of $134,851, with a participation rate of 47 percent of the class! ■ In nonreunion news, Charles and **Carol Spalding Wakamo** report the birth of Brian Patrick on August 18, 1995. He joins brother Connor (5) and sister Amy (3). The Wakamos live in Atlanta, GA. ■ Bob and **Pam Nugent Czekanski** welcomed son Benjamin Matthew on February 19, 1996. Pam is a portfolio manager for Loomis Sayles in Boston. They live in Bolton, MA. ■ Lisa and **Todd de Burlo** ran into fellow Taos, NM, residents Linda Seto and Peter Templeton, both '80, about three years ago when their children became friends. James Templeton and Winn de Burlo became best buddies at preschool, then Rachel Templeton and Robbie de Burlo met at toddler playgroup. Todd and Peter are both woodworkers. Todd is also a contractor doing business as Top Drawer Woodworks & Construction. Lisa and Linda both have their own fiber businesses, and Linda is also co-founder and director at Country Day School. A photo of their families appears near the column.

1982

Class Secretaries: *Alison R. McGhee, 3441 Girard Ave. S., Minneapolis, MN 55408; and Charles H. Robinson III, 118 Paradise Ave., Piermont, NY 10968.*

For news of **Carl Mueller**'s big win on *Wheel of Fortune*, see page 10 of this issue. Congratulations, Carl! Newly single, Carl welcomes phone calls at 213/857-0513. ■ The marriage of **Sheila Creamer** and William A. Mockett took place on October 7, 1995. ■ **Chip Noonan** has been working for IDX Systems Corp., a medical information systems company, for nearly four years. "My wife, Anna (UVM), is the nurse leader for surgical services at Fletcher Allen Health Care, VT's version of an integrated delivery system. Our son, Matthew, will be three in July. We usually meet up with Maggie and **Rick Hanbury** a couple of times a year. They have two kids, Ian and Alexandra. Rick has been teaching high school physics for nearly a decade, and Maggie is an RN in administration at Hartford Hospital. Spoke to **Nat Wilson** recently. Living in Raleigh, NC, he's a senior hydrogeologist for the state of NC. All in all, life is treating us well. If you're in the Burlington area, look us up! ❖ ***PHOTO CAPTION:*** The Middlebury turnout was magnificent for the marriage of Jennifer Miles (St. Lawrence Univ. '82) and **Ned Denney** on July 22, 1995, in Jay, VT. Erica Wonnacott can be easily spotted amongst the revelers (eighth from left, standing).

1983

Class Secretaries: *Karey Dubiel Dye, 10027 Doliver, Houston, TX 77042; and Jeanne Hammond Larsen, 2440 Tulik Dr., Anchorage, AK 99517.*

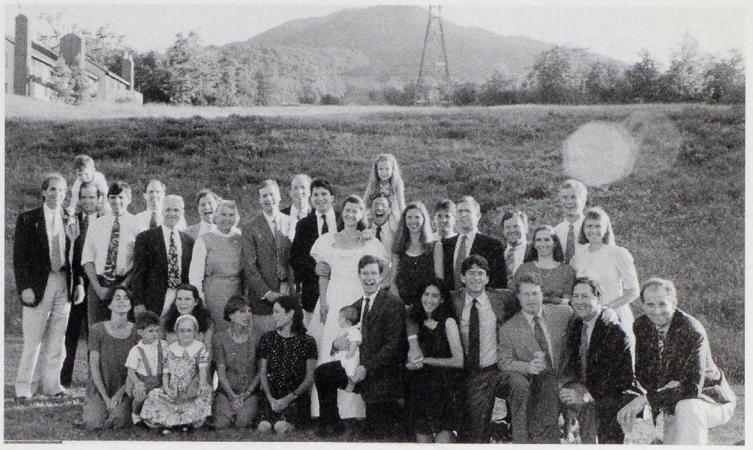
Lee William and **Susan Arledge Weston** have a new son, Taylor William Weston, who was born on September 9, 1995. ■ Henry and **Lisa Colby Childs Bedell** welcomed daughter Colby Lee on November 5, 1994. ■ Melissa Day joined Scott and **Lisa Partridge Ramsbottom** on February 2, 1996. Her brother, Nathaniel, is 2 1/2. ■ **Chandler Bohnn Gray** reports that she loves her job as development director for Texas CASA. She and husband Bob say not much is new, but life is good in Austin. ■ In case you missed it, Thatcher Fields '82, husband of our very own **Jamie Maerder Fields**, won *USA Today*'s Frugal Traveler Contest! Thatcher was featured in an article of impressive length that chronicled his thrifty ways. Jamie, busy tending to daughter Emily and her new baby sister, is curiously silent with respect to her view of this prestigious award. ■ **Kenneth W. Kaufman**, when not out on the links perfecting his golf game, continues to run the family insurance business out of Mamaroneck, NY. Ken and wife Laura (Thrall) '85 have two children, Stuart and Ellie. ■ **Martha Marshall Hitipeuw** and husband Dirk have been living in Kansas City since 1991. She is employed as a property tax consultant and they have a son, MJ, born August 26, 1993. ■ **Todd Miller** and **Susie Rose Merrick** invite Midd friends in the Burlington area to participate in the newly formed Midd Book Club. Call them at 802/660-1911 or 660-3189 for details. The group is meeting once a month at Susie's house in South Burlington. ■ **Kathy Pelton** (74212.3119@compuserve.com) became the mother of Andrew James last September 3. "Since November I have been a permanent substitute at Newton South High School. I am looking forward to returning to full-time teaching after spending this summer on the Cape. I'd welcome hearing from anyone who finds themselves down that way (call 255-2475)." ❖ ***PHOTO CAPTION:*** **Lesley Woodberry** and Mark T. Robinson were married in St. Patrick's Cathedral in NYC on March 18, 1995. Pictured with her following the wedding were classmates **Michelle Duchesneau Lally** (left) and **Kimberlee Kiner Mazzone**. The newlyweds now live in Hong Kong, where Lesley is a lawyer at an American firm. She is enjoying the opportunity to travel in Asia.

Leslie Boin and Nicholas Podell '84 (see 1984 column)

1984

Class Secretaries: *Kristen Gould Case, 6490 Snowview Dr., Park City, UT 84098; and David Wagstaff IV, 1007 5th St., #D, Santa Monica, CA 90403.*

Chris Chandler-Baker and **Adam Baker** (zoeyjed@pacifier.com) still love life in the Pacific Northwest: "Spent the winter months making weekend trips to Mt. Bachelor in Central OR and recently went to Lake Tahoe as well. Finally took the plunge and both learned to snowboard. Adam is more proficient than I at this point, but I think we're both hooked. Adam manages the human resources group for Apparel (domestic) and I am managing a team of clinicians who do intake and evaluation at the local community mental health center. We survived the recent flood without any damage, but did watch the river behind our house rise over its banks and six feet into the marina parking lot. Although we are quite high above the marina, it was concerning to see the water rise and unfortunate for those people who did not escape damage." ■ Seung '83 and **Helen Gregory Kwak** are back in Japan (Azamino Minami 3/14/10, Aobaku, Yokohama Kanagawa, Japan 225; phone 81-45-912-4457). They would "love to hear from classmates who are traveling in Asia." Son John Michael is 8, daughter Amy Lynn is 5 1/2, and John Paul is 2 1/2. ■ Congratulations to the new parents in our class! Glynnis Cay joined her parents, **Steve** and **Cay White Porter**, on February 4, 1996. Steve still works at IBM, pricing service contracts. Cay is the part-time medical director at a community mental health center in Bridgeport, CT. ■ Margaret Evelyn Theobald arrived on March 28, 1996, joining Chuck and **Rebecca Bayless Theobald**. Margaret's siblings are Sarah (6) and Andrew (3). ■ Congratulations also to newlyweds **Katherine Hansen** and Robert Joseph ("Joe") Simonson, who were married on January 20, 1996. ■ **Lars Liebeler** and Caneel Cotton were married at Hilton Head, SC. Following a Costa Rican honeymoon, the newlyweds are living in McLean, VA. Lars is practicing law in DC. ■ Would you believe that **James "T" Burke** bought a house in Silver Lake, CA? House warming party this summer. ■ **Brian O'Day** is "pinting" away in London. ■ Lainey and **Rick Makin** combined a wedding and R&R in Antigua in April. ■ **Phil Huffman** became a Yale graduate in late May. ■ **Dave Christopher** is now the trader "big wig" at Sanford Bernstein. ■ **Gene Cleaves** got a new job trading in NYC. ■ **Mason Wells**'s golf handicap is becoming increasingly suspect. ■ **Yak Matt Ellenthal** survived the Seattle earthquake. ■ John '81 and **Ann Gustafson Sorice** are moving their crew to San Francisco this summer. ■ Caroline and **Grant Dewey** and crew will be in the Vineyard and the Adirondacks this summer. ■ **PQ** went to Jazz Fest, but no details at press time. ■ **David Wagstaff** will travel to East Coast for Memorial and Labor Day weekend activities. Call for schedule/tee times. ❖ ***PHOTO CAPTION:*** We're not sure who these Midd folk are who traveled to Seattle for the September 30, 1995, marriage of Leslie Boin and **Nick Feiler Podell**, but we've very certain that a good time was had by all.



Jennifer Miles and Ned Denney '82 (see 1982 column)

Lesley Woodberry Robinson '83 (see 1983 column)

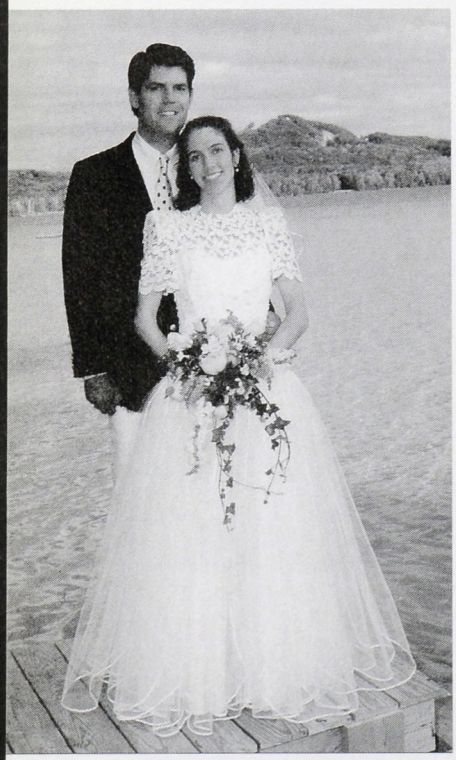
1985

Class Secretaries: *Toni Mauck Butterfield, 40 Falmouth Rd., Falmouth, ME 04105; and Phil LeTourneau, 5903 Tokay, NE, Albuquerque, NM 87107.*

Anne M. Shaughnessy, has been awarded a stipend by the National Endowment for the Humanities to participate in a summer seminar. She'll attend a seminar entitled "Virginia Woolf's Major Novels" at Regents College in London. Anne teaches upper school English at Moses Brown School, Providence, RI. ■ Chubb Life America has appointed **Christopher Beck** as financial analysis officer and controller of ChubbHealth. He lives in Hopkinton, NH. ■ **Anne DiVecchio** and Bart Gripenstraw were married on June 10, 1995. They honeymooned in Cabo, Mexico, and France. ■ **Janice Palmer** married Timothy Fullmer on June 10, 1995. ■ **John** and **Mimi Harding Owen** (76113.2775@ compuserve.com) are new parents. Caroline Bright Owen was born on December 17, 1995. ■ In Deephaven, MN, Skip '83 and **Beth Dorion Wyer** have welcomed daughter Isabel Mae. She joins her three brothers—Sam (6), Matthew (4), and Aidan (3). ■ **Craig (L.J.)** (grunion42@ aol.com) and Suzanne Duncan '86 **Simmonds** have a son, William Mor-

Nicole Grant and Mathew Bacon '87 (see 1987 column)

gan (to be called Morgan), born April 29, 1996. Craig is president of the U.S. Office of International Fiscal Services, Ltd., a London-based corporate structuring and tax planning firm, providing financial and administrative management services through nine offices worldwide. Suzanne is business manager of Center for Simplified Strategic Planning, Inc., based in Vero Beach, FL. It's a virtual office structure, with Suzanne located in CT and communication handled via modem, fax, and phone with their eight consultants located across the country. Her brother, Peter Duncan '80, is one of the consultants working out of the Baltimore, MD, area. ■ Anya Puri '88 updates us on her brother, who is "now **Raj Puri**, Ph.D., with a doctorate from the East-West Center at the Univ. of HI. He is an ecological anthropologist and studies indigenous people's use of the rainforest in Indonesian Borneo. He's back in Jakarta now, setting up a research station for the World Wildlife Fund. I can neither pronounce the names of the places he visits, nor can I really decipher exactly what it is he is doing—ethnobiology? environmental research? consulting for biomedical firms that want to know more about the plant life and medicinal properties of the plant life? Once he's 'out in the field' he's tough to track down, but he will have an e-mail address soon." ■ Still living in the Bay Area, Tom (UCBerkeley '84) and **Sara Ramseyer Klein** (klein.sara@ gene.com) "are the proud parents of Julia Marguerite, born December 1994, and now amazing us daily with new words. I'm corporate counsel at Genentech, Inc., and still enjoying my job, despite the competing pressures of work and family. Tom is an attorney at Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe in San Francisco. I had a wonderful time at our 10th reunion and look forward to the next one!" ■ Your weary class secretaries report that it is time for a changing of the guard. We are asking that anyone interested in taking over as one of the class secretaries for our class, please contact us or the College.



Kris Emens and Jack Gaziano '87 (see 1987 column)

1986

MIDDLEBURY

REUNION CLASS

Class Secretaries: *Mary Sue Holland, 65 W. 96 St., #17D, New York, NY 10025; and Julie Morris Ogden, 300 Garrison Forest Rd., Owings Mills, MD 21117.*

A record-breaking 192 classmates turned out for our 10th Reunion, bringing many spouses and children in tow, and coming from as far as Switzerland, London, Italy, AK, and CA. There was a mini-reunion on Allen first floor with **Chris Byers, Bill Huckins, John Corcoran, John Griffith, Bob Sakaniwa, Dave Ballard, Paul Morrison, Don Guidi, Rich Sobel,** and **Andy Bluhm**; and in the Stewart "Pits" with **Jeff Seavey, John Briggs,** and **Steve Reilly**. **Andy Cruickshank** and **Pat Cronin** and wives were spotted at Mister Ups. **Scott Davison** came from ME, **Greg Jones** from Jackson Hole, WY. **David** and **Elizabeth Hill MacGowan** came from Waterbury, VT. ■ **John Ketterer** (who is compiling a list of classmates' Internet addresses) and **Tim Saunders** came, as did **Julie Lambert**, who is between Broadway shows. **Sarah Christel, Julie Morris Ogden,** and **Monica Carroll McCabe** stayed at **Wendy Fisher Beach**'s home in Vergennes, but were at Bread Loaf Saturday night, reliving wild times with **Kate Wallace Perrotta** and **Sue Whitty**. Our Winter Carnival King and Queen, **Steve Laslocky** and **Amy Snyder Weed** were there, but not together, of course. Amy came up with **Barbara Barry Coates**; joining later were **Chris Coates, Dave Bloch,** and **Steve** and **Charlene Suprenant Batista**. **Brad Robins** (up from NY with wife Elizabeth and son Austin) got some golf in Sunday with **Steve Bensen**, thanks to the wonderful golf coordination efforts of **John Aicher**. **Toni Sparrow** and **Ginny Gates** came from AK; **Mary Maguire** from San Diego (where she's practicing criminal defense law); Adrienne and **Rob Martin** from Richmond, VA; **Henry Persons** from Chicago (where he's practicing insurance defense law), and **Cory Zanin** (working for Northwest Airlines) from Minneapolis. **Trisha Spurr Thompson** and **Margit Gythfeldt Spector** drove up from Brookline and Yonkers. **Nicole Rivet** (Watertown, NY) is teaching English. **Shawn Burns** (from DC) is moving back to Atlanta to manage a restaurant during the Olympics. **Naomi Greer** and **Jeneva Burroughs Stone** came from DC; **Helena Paulin** (who works with Federal Express) from Memphis, TN; **Tim Frye** from Witesboro, NY (where he's finishing up a graduate degree). **Mike Boardman** and wife **Kate Tabner** (from NYC) were seen with **Dave** and **Sue Gavlick Ballard, Kristin Tol-Tuzinkiewicz, Melanie Montague Trent**, and **Lisa Herbster**. **Phoebe Twitchell Peterson, Thayer Collins O'Brien, Melissa Marquardt, Heather Pierce Kingston,** and **Elizabeth Needham Dawson** also enjoyed remembering old times. **Astrid Van Zon, Allison Herrington**, and **Dagny Bock** were spotted looking for camping grounds at Bread Loaf. **Laura Gworek, Mary Sue Holland, Chris Langlois, Jenny Lawrence Horan,** and **Deborah Vehse Lund** also had fun exchanging children's photos. All the children who came were perfectly behaved, of course! Laura Schlotman-Erickson brought her newborn daughter from London. **Heather Pierce Kingston**, who did a fabulous job organizing the reunion, brought her month-old daughter. **Wyman** and **Laura Mugnani Briggs** brought their two children. **Steve** and **Cinny Eberts Bensen**, who brought their son and daughter, shared a Bread Loaf house with Jay and **Ann Albern Olmsted** and their daughters, as well as Chip and **Amanda Travers Nisbet** and their two children. **Brad** and **Katie Carpenter Nelson** brought their new son from Minnesota. **Chris** and **Bettina Thompson Stern** came from DC with their children. John and **Betsy Thompson Serlemitsos** brought their son. (Betsy and her family are temporarily living in Africa.) **Jeff** and **Jen Iles Seavey** left their three sons with the in-laws. Overall, it was a great weekend. Everyone who didn't make it—we'll see you at the 15th. Great thanks to **Sue Gavlick Ballard, Jamie Orvis, John Aicher, Heather Pierce Kingston**, and **Kathryn Cater** for all of their organizational efforts. ■ Other class news aside from reunion: John '88 and **Debbie Porter Safford** proudly announce the birth of son Thomas. ■ **Reid** and **Cynthia Crosby Appleby** have welcomed their second son, Reid Simpson Appleby IV. ■ Rick and **Amy Snyder Weed** announce the birth of daughter Catherine Sara Weed (August 4, 1995). ■ **George** and **Tara Hartnett Leonard** welcomed son Douglas West on February 23, 1996. George is finishing his Ph.D. in marine biology at Brown and Tara is writing from their home. ■ We'll look forward to meeting all the new children at the 15th Reunion. ■ Married in Middlebury on September 23, 1995, were **Krista Conley** and Benjamin Lincoln. Christine Dougherty '85 was a bridesmaid. The newlyweds live in Boston, where Krista is the owner and managing director of Cambridge Translation Resources, providing translation and communications services to U.S. corporations and government agencies. She also consults for companies developing business strategies for China. Ben is completing studies at the Boston Museum of Fine Arts School. ■ **Lucinda Ritter** and George Jackman were married on September 16, 1995. Celebrating with them in Jamestown, RI, were **Amy Lee** and husband Marty Kovach, Margaret Clark '87 and Ken '50 and Carolyn Sackett Coleburn '51. The newlyweds took a 10-week honeymoon to Australia, New Zealand, New Guinea, and Nepal. ■ **Bryan Rich** and **Scott Campbell** got together recently in Bujumbura, Burundi, where Bryan works with Search for Common Ground. He manages the Studio Ijambo, a production studio producing radio shows focusing on conflict resolution and promoting peace in the region. Scott coordinates a Zaire Field Project for International Human Rights Law Group in Guma, Zaire. His project seeks to empower local Zairian human rights NGOs through training

and institution building. Both claim to have been sending massive checks to annual giving, "but they must keep getting lost in the mail." (See photograph near this column.) ■ **Kathryn Cater, Chris Peters**, and **Lyle Fulkerson** are officially passing the class notes torch to **Julie Morris Ogden** and **Mary Sue Holland**. Everyone be kind to them. The job is more time-consuming and challenging than one would imagine. Good luck!

1987

Class Secretaries: *John A. Castle, 95 Hays Ave., South Burlington, VT 05403; and Cameron C. McClearn, 3 Crawford St. #5, Cambridge, MA 02139.*

There's a new magazine for mobilia addicts and **Tom Funk** is the editor. Although it's only three years old and was born in Weybridge, *Mobilia* magazine is growing exponentially and moving to the big time in Middlebury. Tom, who used to work in publishing in NYC, says the magazine has helped simple collectors name their real addiction. "They thought they were toy collectors, but they're really automobilia collectors." With worldwide circulation, a Web page on the Internet, and even a recent nod on the front page of the *Wall Street Journal*, *Mobilia* has 6,200 copies on newsstands worldwide and a database of more than 20,000 names. Subscriptions available at Box 575, Middlebury 05753. ■ **Michael Desmond** (michael_desmond@pcworld.com) and wife Anne live in San Francisco. Michael, who left *PC World* in 1993, was recently promoted to executive editor of *Multimedia World* magazine. Anne is an occupational health nurse practitioner at UC San Francisco. ■ After three years in Ojai, CA, Bill and **Stephanie Leighton Tabrisky** are now living in Atlanta, where Bill is a math teacher at the Lovett School and Stephanie is getting a master's in physical therapy at Emory Univ. School of Medicine. ■ In Montpelier, VT, **Christopher Parsons**, head soccer coach at Champlain College, was the keynote speaker for the regional diploma course of the National Soccer Coaches Assoc. of America this May. ■ After a year in Dallas, **Bob Barsanti** (STBarr@aol.com) is "returning to my island home on Nantucket. The year in Dallas was not without rewards. Look for an article on my Web site in *English Journal* this September." ■ Dave and **Kathy Follert Ebner** welcomed son Nolan Richard on March 7, 1996. ■ Nicholas Breck Jaeckel joined Ted and **Gretchen Lardner Jaeckel** on March 22, 1996. Their daughter, Emily Violet, is 3 this summer. ■ **Lisa Preston Bailey** (lbailey@iolani.honolulu.hi.us) writes: "My husband, Richard, and I are the proud parents of Natasha Alison, born on March 2. She arrived almost five weeks early, so we were taken quite by surprise—so much so that we went to the hospital completely unprepared. We thought it was a false alarm." ■ **Jennifer Speir-Hearn** and husband William have a son, Evan (1 1/2). Jennifer is teaching at Kennesaw State College in GA. ■ "BJ" and **Sharon Ballard Richardson** are the proud parents of Lindsay Grace Richardson born November 12, 1995. ❖ ***PHOTO CAPTION:*** The Middlebury gathering in Geneva, Switzerland, for the marriage of Nicole Grant (Wellesley '92) and **Mathew Bacon** on September 30, 1995, included Michael O'Reilly '85, **Steven Pantazopoulos**, Peter Read '57, Suzanne Lewis Read '58, **Jason Robart**, the newlyweds, Jason Bacon '84 (behind bridegroom), **Natalie Posey, Nick Mazzamurro**, and **Andrew Berzins**. ■ The July 1995 marriage of Kris Emens (DePauw '89) and **Jack Gaziano** took place in Leland, MI, where they were joined by (not in photo) **Joel Brother, David Havens, Bill DiAdamo, Jake Brown, Betsy Holmes McKean, Cynthia Carter Roenish, Mike** and Lisa Ward '90 **Coughlan**, Steven Feldman '88, and Paul '88 and Laurie Micco McCormack '88.

1988

Class Secretaries: *Liana Discepolo Caffrey (lcaffrey@lesley.edu), 15 Wollaston Ave., #1, Arlington, MA 02174; and Claire Gwatkin, 3819 Military Rd. NW, #2, Washington, DC 20015.*

Daniela Pajarola has finished law school at the Univ. of Basel in Switzerland. She now works for a national insurance agency in the dept. of civil liability. **Diane Meyerhoff** and Tom Dillon '80 visited Daniela last July. ■ At the American Cancer Society's National Home Office in Atlanta, epidemiologist **Sheryl Parker Grayer** writes: "I spend my time conducting analyses on patterns of cancer occurrence, writing publications for scientific journals and the general public, and answering public inquiries about cancer statistics." Husband James left his job as a corporate lawyer in March to start a new career in public interest law. He's working for Atlanta Legal Aid's AIDs Unit. ■ With a Ph.D. in epidemiology from the Univ. of NC School of Public Health, **Kate Curtis** is also moving to Atlanta to work at the Centers for Disease Control. ■ Others are heading back to school: **Vicki Wright** began work on her master's this summer at the Bread Loaf School of English. ■ After his first year at UCLA School of Law, **David Gregoire** (gregoir0@law3.law.ucla.edu) writes: "Law school is great and there are a few other Midd kids here with me." ■ **Antoinette Van Zelm**, pursuing her Ph.D in history at William and Mary, recently presented a paper at the Berkshire Conference on the History of Women in Colonial America. ■ Univ. of MD Law School graduate **Chris Dollase** is an associate for Baltimore law firm Jacobs & Dembert. **Kristen Crowder Dollase** works in Rosslyn, VA, as a communication consultant for human resources consulting firm Towers Perrin. Chris and Kristen live in Columbia, MD, about halfway between Baltimore and DC. ■ **Kristina Garrett** and Todd Ransick were married on November 4, 1995. Celebrating with them in San Marino, CA, were **Paul** and **Laurie Micco McCormack**, Amy Young '95, **Jim Calise, Karin Kurchak Olson, Erik** and Ingrid McKenzie '90 **Nilsson**, and Stewart Rauch '90. The Ransicks live in Cambridge, MA. ■ Counsel and legislative liaison for Maine's dept. of professional and financial regulation, **Christina Valar** recently bought a house on a lake in Winthrop, ME. ■ **Jeffrey Benson**, an associate at the law firm of Petree Stockton, has been appointed an alternate member to the Raleigh, NC, Board of Adjustment. ■ **Anya Puri** (apuri@lville.pvt.k12.nj.us) is still associate director of college counseling at the Lawrenceville School in NJ—"sending more great kids to Midd!" ■ **Nancy Caulfield** has been shooting the sewers of Boston, the caves of KY, and the microscopic dust mite (that lives in your pillow) for a program on *Hidden Worlds* for the Discovery Channel. ■ A mini-reunion in Scotland brought together **Todd Merry** (ToddM@Ogilvy.co.uk), who is working in London for Ogilvy & Mather advertising; **Marion Brune Paterson**, who lives with husband Guy in Edinburgh; and **Liz Nightingale**, who was visiting on vacation. ■ St. Phillip's Church in Antigua—still roofless from Hurricane Luis—was the site of the marriage of **Kerry Yeager** and John ("Jed") Stevens on April 20. Kerry is a VP in philanthropy at Chase Manhattan Bank. ■ Annie and **Ian Williams** welcomed first child Eliza Finley Williams on April 22 in Mexico City. "A dual citizen, Eliza is equally fluent crying in English and Spanish." They were expecting to move back to the NY area this summer. ■ Also in Mexico City, Strom and **Isabelle Paine Thacker** welcomed first child Matthew Paine Thacker on March 13. They planned a move to Boston this summer. ■ **Brad Ring** (blrkjr@aol.com) and wife Kathleen welcomed daughter Bailey into the world on April 13, 1996.

1989

Class Secretaries: *Kristen Canfield McBurney, 7325 47th Ave., S.W., Seattle, WA 98136; and Timothy O'Shea, 51 Gilbert Rd., Belmont, MA 02178.*

After two years as Middlebury's chaplain, **Howard Fauntroy** is leaving this August. Howard is succeeding his father as pastor of the First Baptist Institutional Church in Detroit. He will be sorely missed at Middlebury, where he had become a popular figure. ■ Charles and **Elizabeth Ozimek Crowley** welcomed daughter Claire Cordeaux on February 15, 1996. ■ After a long fall of jumping from one DC organization to another, **Charlie Lamson** settled into the development office at the American Univ. in Bulgaria. He writes, "AUBG is an experimental project trying to create a liberally minded center of education open to all of the ethnic groups throughout the Balkans; AUBG is the only liberal arts college in all of Eastern Europe." ■ **Chris Hiland** (chris.hiland@citicorp.com) will be attending the Darden School of Business Administration this fall. He encourages fellow '89ers thinking of b-school to contact him. He reports that **Steven Becker** has changed jobs and is now in the distressed debt/leveraged equity group with Bankers Trust. Steve is also working with many other NYC alums to improve the networking and social opportunities for area alumni. ■ **Dana King** was leaving Canada July 1 to start

Peacemakers Bryan Rich and Scott Campbell, both '86, recently got together in Burundi, where Bryan teaches conflict resolution through Search for Common Ground and Scott coordinates a project for International Human Rights Law Group.

a three-year residency in large animal surgery at the Univ. of PA's New Bolton Center in Kennett Square, just outside Philadelphia. "Drop by if you're nearby." ■ **Erik Vigsnes** got his MBA from Tulane Univ., where he was a member of the Green Larks, a very popular on-campus barbershop quartet. ■ **Mark Dimond** works for Starter Sports Apparel in Bridgeport, CT. ■ Living in Narberth, PA, **Betsy Vining Cissel** works for Pfizer Pharmaceuticals. She writes that she loves her job and sees lots of **Mike** and **Bridget Fitzgerald Subak**. ■ Congratulations to **Sean** and Wendy Helm **Brennan** (M.A. English '95) on the birth of daughter Molly in March. Living at the Hotchkiss School in CT, Sean is an admissions officer at the Mill School. ■ Ed '88 (Edward.J.Teufel@Hitchcock.org) and **Emily Scudder Teufel** announce the birth of son Alexander Morgan Teufel on May 14, 1996. "Both mom and baby are doing great." ■ Julie Ann Artino and **Stephen Fordyce** were married on January 6 in New London, CT. They now live in East Lyme. Stephen is a financial consultant and a certified financial manager at Merrill Lynch in New Haven. Julie Ann is an executive assistant at the Mohegan Sun Resort in Montville. ■ **Joella Hartness** and Rodney Shrader were married on September 30, 1995. ■ **Laura Andrews** married Gregory Martin Alberton, M.D. (Notre Dame '90), on April 20, 1996. Both newlyweds are orthopedic surgeons at Mayo Clinic, "so we have a built in second opinion." Midd friends celebrating with them included **Susan Anderegg,** M.D., **Vicky Wideman**, **KC Koch Reeves**, **Scott** and **Kris Canfield McBurney**, **Craig Anderson** and **Karen Lane-Anderson**. ■ Pierre and **Allison Lewis Stouse** (married May 27, 1995) live in New Orleans, where Allison is finishing grad school in architecture. After spending the summer in Paris, they are starting a design/build company in the fall. ■ The Mead Chapel marriage of Annette Madden '90 and **Doug Kline** took place in 1994. The caption for their photograph appears in the 1990 column. ■ The marriage of Susan Harrington and **Jeff Potter** took place on March 16, 1996. Celebrating with them in Peachtree City, GA, were Midd friends **Lawrence DeVoe** and **Peter Bethke**.

1990

Class Secretaries: *Mary Stechschulte (104104.2702@compuserve.com), 9009 High Dr., Leawood, KS 66206; and Paul E. Needham, 43 Berrywood Ln., South Hamilton, MA 01982.*

David Milner continues his work in DC, as president of Funds for the Community's Future. ■ **Rob Gray** has received the Young Alumni Achievement Award from the Bancroft School in Worcester, MA. Beginning his career in politics as a volunteer for William Weld's campaign for governor in 1990, Rob recently became press secretary for Weld's Senate campaign. ■ Graduating from Columbia Univ.'s School of International & Public Affairs this May were **Whitney Todd** (with a master's in public affairs), **Elizabeth Toder** (master's in international affairs), and **Eliot Highet** (master's in international affairs). **Nonie Dorschel** is graduating with a master's in international affairs from SAIS at John Hopkins. Nonie and Elizabeth were both in Hanoi last summer, working and playing soccer on the Hanoi Capitals Football Club. According to Elizabeth, there was a big NYC '90 gathering on New Year's Eve at "Bar Amar" or Trilogy, **Amar Ranawat**'s Upper East side bar. ■ **Stephanie Cooper** is back in San Francisco, where she works for the new mayor. ■ **Gary Sedlik** (garysed@loop.com) graduated magna cum laude from American Univ. Law School in May '95, passed the CA bar exam, and is now an attorney with the L.A. office of Preston, Gates & Ellis (based in Seattle) as a litigator. He reports that he is "hoping to set up some L.A. area alumni events, so if you're out here, give me a call!" ■ **Rachel Wigglesworth** is in Boulder. ■ **Lovisa Johnsson** began the traveling tour with the Pro Women's Tour. ■ Congratulations to Richard '91 and **Kelly Smith Feldman** on the birth of daughter Catherine Starbuck Feldman. ■ Proud parents Erik '88 and **Ingrid McKenzie Nilsson** (73062.364@compuserve.com) are already saving for the 2014 comprehensive fee for son Torsten, born March 7, 1996. ■ For a year now, **Kaddi Dobyns** (kdobyns@aptcom.com) has been a full-fledged DVM, working in a small animal practice in Lexington, VA. As the second vet in the practice, she reports that she's usually referred to as the "lady vet," the "new vet," or the "young lady vet." She likes her job and finds Lexington a charming town with lots of outdoor activities nearby. "I've joined the nearest Appalachian Trail Club and am trying to get out whenever my work schedule allows. If anyone should be driving south on I-81, stop in and say hello!" ■ **Kathryn Dubzinski** and P.J. McDonald were married on August 19, 1995. She's finishing her M.Ed., left her job at St. Mark's School, and hopes to find a guidance counseling position and a coaching job. They planned a summer move to Hardwick, MA, where P.J. works at Eagle Hill School. ■ **Lindsey King** and Bob Pitts were married on May 13, 1995. Lindsey got her M.B.A. from the Fuqua School of business at Duke Univ. in May. "After traveling for a couple of months with my husband, we will be moving in June to Atlanta, where I have accepted a job with Cox Communications Inc." ❖

PHOTO CAPTIONS: **Laura Appleton** and Terry Smith were married last October at her family's farm in Goshen, CT. Midd friends in attendance included **Marcie McMillan, Ellen LeMaitre Pomeroy, Sarah Garner**, the newlyweds, **Beckett Stokes**, Shawn Miele '88, **Chad Alfeld**, Andrew Brenner '91, **Margie Butler, Crissy Meredith Miele, Debbie Reed**, and Steve Hopkins. Flowerperson Ellie van Gemeren is in the front. Laura is pursuing a career writing children's books. ■ Moose and cigars abounded in Jackson, WY, following the marriage of Cathy Kehr and **Remy Levy** on September 3, 1995. **Ingrid McKenzie Nilsson**, Erik Nilsson '88, and Amelia Young '89 were there to celebrate with them. ■ **Annette Madden** and Doug Kline '89 celebrated with Midd friends following their Mead Chapel marriage in October '94: (from left, first row) **Liz Zale, Lisa Bozarth, Beth Walton, Amy Carmora, Tammy Young Tyler**, (second row) **Rebecca Hoyt, Jennifer Kelley**, the newlyweds, **Michelle Martin, Suzy Chambers**, Tom Kovach '92, **Stephanie Cooper, Paul Hauf**, (back row) Nat Seeley '89, and **Mark Lieberfreund**.

1991

REUNION CLASS

Class Secretaries: *Bill Driscoll, 54 Melrose St., #4, Boston, MA 02116; and Kate J. Kelley, P.O. Box 268, Grand Lake, CO 80447.*

Retiring class secretary Sara Bremner reports: To all of our classmates who attended reunion—it was great to see you! To those who weren't able to come—we missed you! A wonderful time was had by all. We had perfect Middlebury weather—bright blue skies with warm sunshine. The Green Mountains were absolutely beautiful and the views from Bread Loaf were spectacular. Saturday at convocation, our class received the Parton Family Award for the greatest increase in participation toward the class gift (before the 25th Reunion). Our class raised over $12,500 in gifts. Congratulations to all, especially our gift chairs **Page Dickinson, Elizabeth Hopper, David Liebmann**, and **Paul Testa**. Saturday night we danced until the early morning hours with Dr. Jones (a.k.a. The Blasters) and Yukon Time. You would never know that either band had not played together in the past five years. They were incredible! Many thanks go to **Pat Berry, Andrew Resnik, Bryan Thomas, Nick Warendorf**, and Andy Wiemeyer '94 (Skip's brother) from Dr. Jones, and to **Matt Bonner, Colin Drake, Barney Hodges, Rod Prudencio, Josh Sarkis**, and Andy Wiemeyer (again) from Yukon Time (with guest musicians **Miguel Echegaray** and **Tony Tedesco**) for all of their work. Hope you can play at our 10th! ■ **Brian Bank, Karmali Bhanji**, and **Sara Bremner** would like to thank everyone for making reunion weekend such a success. Hope you had as much fun as we did! We had over 175 classmates there and unfortunately we do not have space to list them all. We hope to see everyone back at our 10th—in 2001! We also have the great honor to introduce your new class secretaries—**Bill Driscoll** and **Kate Kelley**. They will be writing about our class for the next five years! Congratulations, Bill and Kate! Be sure to send them information! ■ Recent class news: **Chris Waddell** qualified for the U.S. Summer Paralympic Track Team and will be competing in the 100, 200, 400, and 800 races in Atlanta in August. Congratulations, Chris! ■ **Jeremy Braddock** (jhb3447@is.nyu.edu) is publishing a "zine" called *Verbivore*, which he calls "a cultural studies journal written by young journalists and grad students (eight of whom are Midd alumni, he claims). It's intellectual without being off-putting; it's sharp, serious, and funny; sarcastic and occasionally deadly serious." According to one reviewer, "the strength of *Verbivore* is the artistry of both the editor's style of format and the authors' interactive relationship with the reader. So overtly are we fed information, that our role is clearly defined by our own personal response. A cultural icon of postmodern literature, *Verbivore* is worth chewing on." For subscriptions and back issues, contact Jeremy at 532 La Guardia Pl., #573, NY, NY 10012. ■ **Darcy Noss**, who is completing her Ph.D. in CO, spent a recent March week in Puerto Vallarta with Lamia Bennis '93. ■ While working on her M.A. in English and women's studies at the Univ. of VA, **Andrea Schaefer** has done some acting and appeared in a UVA departmental show. She's looking into independent school teaching positions in the Boston area. Andrea reports that **Natalya Baldyga** is finishing her M.A. in theatre at the Univ. of WI, Madison, en route to a Ph.D. elsewhere. ■ After three years teaching high school biology in Tampa, FL, **Kristen Gustavson** (369 Elm St., Concord, MA) is moving back "home" to New England this fall to attend Harvard Graduate School of Education. She'll be in the counseling master's program, Risk and Prevention: Adolescence, focusing on such issues as drug/alcohol use, stress and depression, teen pregnancy, and eating disorders—"issues that many of my students were dealing with when I was an RHA at Middlebury." ■ The marriage of S. Quincy Oster and **Mark Van Winkle** took place on September 9 at Wohelo, the

Luther Gulick Camps in ME. Mark's parents, Davis '63 and Louise Gulick Van Winkle '64, were there, and Mark's sister, Heidi Van Winkle '94 was a bridesmaid. The newlyweds are teaching in Baja, Mexico. ■ Newlyweds James and **Kimberly Ma Gustafson** are living in Taichung, Taiwan. Their February 10 marriage took place in Portland, ME. ■ **Thea Migel** and Paul Gilbert were married on July 16, 1994. Thea has completed her second year of law school at the Univ of AZ. "We love the weather here!" ■ **Susan Wattleworth** and Mark Vanston '92 were married on August 5, 1995. ■ **Meghan Schwartz** and **Robert Hinkle** were married on August 20, 1994. ■ **Jean L. deMontebello** married Thanh T. Nguyen on February 6, 1996. ❖ *PHOTO CAPTIONS:* The summer 1994 marriage of **Natalya Baldyga** and Bill Henry '88 was the occasion of a Middlebury gathering for Andy Kirkaldy '75, Bill Heminway '90, Jackie Woodfork '88, Greg White '88, Ashar Nelson '90, Alice Weston '90, Maria Kriefall '92, Jean and David Littlefield (English prof.), Robert Buckeye (archivist/American lit), Burke Leavitt '88, **Andrea Schaefer**, the newlyweds, **Heather Widlund**, Colleen Moore '90, Eric Winick '90, and Jennifer Stone '90. Missing the picture were Ray Paczkowski '90, Anna Sun '85, and Sylvia Robison. ■ In Chattanooga, TN, to celebrate the October 21, 1995, marriage of Anne Ward (IU '93) and **Tom Chambers** were Mary-Beth Marcotte '92, **Jim Nida, Kate Kuckro, Jeff McMahan**, Brian Schilling '92, Viraj Mirani '92, **Scott** and **Lynn Holley Krugman, Matt Warren**, Anthony Rojo '92, and Eve Chambers (M.A. Spanish '69). Tom is finishing his dissertation in American history at William & Mary, while Anne teaches high school English in Newport News, VA.

1992

Class Secretaries: *Leslie Cone Pagnotta, 3 Mill St., Middlebury, VT 05753 (cone@mail.middlebury.edu); and Viraj M. Mirani (vmirani@gwis2. gwu.edu), 538 N. Monroe St., Arlington, VA 22201.*

Marlena Faxon's sisters, Krista Faxon Atkeson '86 and Julianne Faxon Seymour '88, were matrons of honor when Marlena married **Steven Cox** in Stamford, CT, in November 1995. The bridesmaids included **Bryn Neubert**, **Timiny Rankin**, and **Dana Tiedemann**. Midd ushers were **Joel Abramson**, **Justin Ayers**, Corey Davis '91, **JJ Gilmartin**, and Dane Sobek '93. Now living in Watertown, MA, Marlena works at Little Brown Publishing and is in the Design Certificate Program at MA College of Art; Steve works at Thompson Island Outward Bound Education Center. ■ At Yale, **Patty Garffer** (patricia.garffer@yale.edu or 203/773-0820) is doing a joint master's with the School of Management and the School of Forestry and Environmental Studies. She did research in Paraguay last summer. ■ Back from Singapore, **Ginny Allen** (Virginia_Allen@ prenhall.com) is working for medical publisher Appleton & Lange) in Stamford, CT, while taking night classes in preparation for graduate school in nutrition. ■ **Banc Jones** works for Mallory Jones Lynch Flynn in CT. ■ **Colin Leonard**, teaching and coaching basketball at the Marvelwood School (Kent, CT), will chair the English dept. next year! ■ **Justin Ayers** (justin.ayers@fmr.com), who left State Street Bank for Fidelity Investments, is a self-titled "computer dude/business analyst." He lives in Melrose (02176). ■ **Matt Benjamin** (matty@acs.bu.edu) finished med school at BU, did a month of neurology in New Zealand, then traveled "Down Under" for a couple months before returning to the realities of residency. ■ After a summer stint with The Gap, **James Christian** is giving up his modeling career to start med school at BU! ■ At Harvard Law, **Pete Walsh** (Walsh2@hulaw1.harvard. edu) finished second year and **Mike Summersgill** just graduated. Pete worked at the Sierra Club Legal Defense Fund in CO last summer; this summer he's working at a Boston law firm with **Jon Owsley**, who's traveling from Cornell Law. Mike cruised the wedding circuit this summer before plotting George Bush's return to the White House. ■ **John Swanson** graduated from UConn med school, got married, and moved to Boston this summer for his residency program at BU. (Whew!) ■ Please welcome **Dave Dougherty** (david_dougherty@etherdome.mgh.harvard.edu) and **Dave Weld** (daveweld@princeton.edu) to the wonderful world of electronic communication! ■ **Cynthia Brown** teaches Spanish in Acton, MA. ■ **Sarah Gordon**'s getting her master's in education at Harvard, while **Lisa Healy** slaves away at Boston College Law School. ■ **Jason Craven** and **Nick Hinge** vow to keep their hiking and hunting adventures separate, since they discovered the damage possible when a monster pickup truck intersects with a deer. ■ **Nick Tcherepnin** lives in Beacon Hill and works at a consulting firm in Cambridge. ■ **Kevin** "I will never live in NYC" **Tyldesley** has found a new home in Chelsea. ■ **Faith Donovon** (103042.2001@compuserve.com), **Tish O'Mara**, **Julie Parker**, **Kendall Garey**, **David Hanlon,** and **Jon Bicknell** are all living in Boston. Faith works out of her North Shore house as a real estate appraiser. She reports that **Dan Thompson** teaches at a nearby day school, Julie's at *Atlantic Monthly*, Tish works for Trinity Communications, David's at State Street Bank while simultaneously getting his

Carolyn Haviland and Michael Obel-Omia '88 (see 1988 column)

Annette Madden '90 and Doug Kline '89 (see 1990 column)

Laura Appleton '90 and Terry Smith (see 1990 column)

Cathy Kehr and Remy Levy '90 (see 1990 column)

Natalya Baldyga '91 and Bill Henry '88 (see 1991 column)

Thea Migel '91 and Paul Gilbert (see 1991 column)

Erin Kahn '93 and Paul B. Withstandley III (see 1993 column)

MBA at BU, Jon's at Coopers and Lybrand (finishing his CPA exam), and Kendall works for One Source, a software company. ■ **Kate Ffolliott** is commuting from Boston to Northampton as a master's student. ■ Also in Boston, **Susan Liu** works for a small law firm, **Amy Gannett**'s working and studying toward an MBA, and **Carrie Harasimowicz** is teaching. ■ **Rob Reis** started his own L.A.-based vegan newsletter. The first issue of *Reis and Beans* hit the natural food store's newsstands in November. Rob hoped to achieve nationwide distribution by early June. ■ **Matt Pauley** (mpauley@agsm.ucla.edu) studies conscientiously (business school, Anderson School at UCLA)—in between basketball games! ■ **Terance Ou** manages international accounts for AT&T, but does NOT have an e-mail address! ■ **Duke Beardsley** reportedly moved to San Francisco, where **Tom Garrett** was recently promoted to wine tasting coordinator for the CA office of the *Wine Spectator!* ■ In Seattle, **Alex Blanton** is an article editor for Microsoft and **Anne Schott** (annesc@microsoft.com is Webmaster for the Microsoft Windows 95 Web site (http://www.microsoft.com/windows). Anne also volunteered (with **Justin Ayers** and **Jamie Gorman**) to get our Class of '92 Web site underway, just in time to start advertising our 5th Reunion! ■ Sleepless trying to get e-mail to **Dana Tiedemann** in Seattle? Try her new address (dtdmann@aol.com). ■ **Miles Canfield** loves being a full-time fireman in Sun Valley, ID. ■ **Sandy Paige** (sandy.paige@state.me.us) is still the assistant to the governor in ME, the only Independent governor in the nation! ■ **Brian Huff** (brian18@wharton.upenn.edu), **Eric Mendelsohn**, and **Eric Wellman** completed first year of business school at Wharton (U of PA). ■ **Jon Young** is putting through the Himalayas and golfing around the Old Course at St. Andrews. ■ Also leaving Boston, **Jeff Collins** started an extreme outdoor adventure company, *In Your Face*, in CO with **Bill Wheeler** and **Jamie Gorman** (jgorman@infosphere.com), who is also doing independent technology/business consulting for Aspen Interactive Media, an Internet publisher (visit at www.aspenonline.com). ■ Formerly pony-tailed **Erik Dorf** had a retro bowl-style cut last winter to comply with Vail Associates' ski school regulations. This new style played a role in Erik's recent modeling work. He signed a one-year contract with Dutch Boy Paints for their paint cans and new TV ad campaign. After fulfilling his contract, Erik is considering moving to Denmark to be a dental assistant. His roommates (**Ted Leach** and **Corky Mather**) will miss the free paint! Down the street from them in West Vail live **Trygve Hutto** and Chris Waddell '91. ■ Still cartooning, **Pete Steinfeld** works at MacWorks in Kansas City. ■ In MI, **Felix Paulick** and **Cynthia Gabriel** may be reached at HeyFelix1@aol.com. ■ Last summer **Bruce Silverman** practiced veterinary medicine on the reservation at the Navajo Capitol of Window Rock in AZ. On his way back east, he visited **Abby Eagye** in Colorado Springs. ■ **Christa Hawryluk**'s getting a master's in landscape architecture at Univ. of MI School of Natural Resources and Environment. ■ **John Logan** (Johnplhi@aol.com) is in Moscow. ■ Ask **Jen Kaufman** for stories about the exploding mob influence in Russia! ■ **Pete Hirschmann** still enjoys life and work (with Aetna) in Hong Kong. (Middlebury needs your current address, Pete.) ■ **Nils von Zelowitz** works for Wunderman Cato Johnson (a div. of Ziff-Davis) in Mexico City. ■ **Des Havlicek** and **Jen Rowe** (isagrowe@iol.com) live in Dublin, where Des opened an office for Brown Brothers Harriman, and Jen works for the Institute for International Sport, planning world scholar athletic games in Belfast for August '96. ■ **Maria Aliberti** received a $21,000 Ambassadorial Scholarship from Rotary International for graduate studies in South America. ■ In NYC, **Chris Lee** bid unsuccessfully for JFK's humidor at Sotheby's Kennedy auction; **Matt Saldivar** finished NYU as a theatre grad student; **Kelsey Richards** graduated from Sotheby's America Arts Course; **Dan Coyne** works at a casting agency; **Cathy Lee** finished her MIA at Columbia and works for JP Morgan; **Sara Weale**'s studying public health policy at Columbia; **Maria Vrachnos** works in advertising; and **Hayden Harman** (hayden@visalia.com) started his own Macintosh consulting services company, creating custom software for businesses. ■ **Erica Nourdjian** returned to NYC from Mexico. ■ **Max Changus** passed the GA bar exam and plans to take the FL bar. ■ **Megan Richardson** and **Patrick Durkin** were married in August 1995. ■ In Philadelphia, **Tracey Merrill** is doing nationwide fund-raising for the George School and **Eric Wellmann** (eric24@wharton.upenn.edu) is at Wharton. ■ **Kristen Komives** (komives.dcrp@mhs.unc.edu) left Puerto Rico to start graduate school in city planning in Chapel Hill, NC. ■ After deciding he'd had enough of life in the minority on the Senate Finance Committee, **Chuck** "paintball" **Buck** (Charlie_Buck@finance-min.senate.gov) made good on his promise to rollerblade down the marble halls of the Hart Senate Office Building, packed his bags, and is traveling around Southeast Asia for a few months, with a stop in South America for some skiing at the end of the summer. ■ After two years at Seton Hall Law School, **Hank McKnelly** heads to an internship with the torts department of a JAG Corp. ■ In Alexandria, **Laura Cohen** (cohenle@taprmp02.taprm.msmail.abbott.com) works for Tap Pharmaceuticals. ■ **Steve Schrodel** (schrodel@ac.org), who lives in the Dupont Circle area, is an associate at the Alpha Center health care consulting firm. ■ Enjoying married life in DC, **Christina Bethke Rodgers** works for NAMI, and **Bill** works for S&FA Marketing Services. ■ **Piper Lounsbury** works for the U.S.-China Business Council. ■ **John** and **Eileen Marvin Hosbein** (Eileen_Hosbein@discovery.com) completed the Marine Corps Marathon in DC last October! John works for the Wisconsin Project, a nonprofit antinuclear proliferation organization. ■ In Baltimore, **Jeff Clark** is working on his doctorate at Johns Hopkins. ■ **Fred Lawrence** (flawrence@iri.org) works with the International Republican Institute, a private, nonprofit organization dedicated to advancing democracy worldwide. ■ Look for the Class of '92 web site in early fall! ❖ ***PHOTO CAPTION:*** The September 9, 1995, marriage of **Kathy Berry** and Randy Folts (UN-L '90) took place on his mother's Nebraska farm. Alison Bevin '94 and **Danielle Moon** were bridesmaids. **Jeanne Kessinger** was maid of honor. Kathy enters law school this fall at the Univ. of Nebraska. **Blakely Anderson** (blakelya@howdy.Princeton.edu) and John Atherton '93 were married in Houston, TX, on December 30, 1995. There were about 40 Midd people there!

1993

Class Secretaries: *Anne C. Harris (anneh@ccit.arizona.edu), 6001 E. Pima St., #87, Tucson, AZ 85712; and Dan Suratt, 122 Bond St., Brooklyn, NY 11217.*

As a new graduate of Union Theological Seminary (Master of Divinity degree), **Schaunel Steinnagel** is now a house parent for Boys Hope, a Jesuit program in Staten Island for at-risk boys. ■ **Greg Baumann**, S.J., is work-

ing with Latino gang members in the Pico-Aliso Housing Projects in L.A. He recently competed against the world's best jugglers in the championship division of the International Juggler's Assoc. ■ After two years at MIT as a research assistant in the dept. of brain and cognitive sciences, **Kristin Hood** (khood@wccf.mit.edu) moves to San Diego this fall to begin a Ph.D. program in neuroscience at UCSD. ■ **Maria Morrell** (mmorrel@mailhost.tcs.tulane.edu), who's in the Ph.D. program in Spanish and Portuguese at Tulane Univ. (New Orleans), has been visited by **Katy Carras** (in the museum studies master's program at AZ State) and **Rachel Litwak** (doing graduate work in ESL at the Univ. of Rochester, NY). Maria asks "anyone coming to N.O. for Mardi Gras—or better yet, Jazz Fest—next year," to get in touch. Maria notes that **Jennifer Saunders** has moved south and is working in Tampa, FL. ■ Also based in Tampa is **Lamia Bennis**. After receiving an M.S. in nutritional sciences (UVM), she "branched off into the corporate world, importing home furnishings from northern Africa." She spends most of her time traveling to Morocco and showing at furniture trade shows in the southern U.S. She's in touch with Molly Craig '95 (NYC). ■ After three years in Israel, **Jackie Schneider** (jackie@netvision.net.il) has moved back to Boston to begin her M.A. in occupational therapy at BU this fall. ■ **Nancy Ann Zagami** and Donald Christian Hunt '92 were married on September 3, 1995, in Mead Chapel. ■ **Chris McChesney** (mcchesney.chris@bcg.com) is with Boston Consulting Group, spending half his time in Europe and Asia. "Recently spent a spring day in Boston with **Tim Curry, Sunny Subramanian**, Ena and **Peter Laliberte**, and **Boze Casten**." ■ Spring skiing at Le Plagne in the French Alps brought together **Adam Greenberger**, Kate Grimes '91, Jonathan Shepherd '95, and Kathryn Nicita '96. ■ **Patricia Falkenberg** (falkenbe@scf.usc.edu) and **Harrison Zanuck** live in Beverly Hills. Harrison is a digital FX coordinator at Digital Domain; Pat's at USC, working on a master's in education and elementary school teaching credentials. Pat recently went with **Adrienne Macki** to "what will hopefully be the beginning of an active alumni association here in L.A. There we ran into **Tom Lyons** and **Matt Hunter**, along with about 40 other alumni from various years." Pat says **Kerry Byron** has been in Albania for two years with the Peace Corps and may stay a third year. ■ **Amanda Clayman** graduated from Northwestern Law School and moved to Phoenix. ■ **John McQuiston**, who's been working for Saks Fifth Avenue, is beginning his M.B.A. at Columbia. ■ **Andy Dickey**, with his M.F.A. in directing from LSU, is working for a production company in Baton Rouge. ■ **Victoria Custodio** is getting a master's in public health at Rutgers. ■ Living in Peterborough, NH, **Becky Chollet** is teaching and coaching at The Well. ■ **Josh Bradford** is in his third year at NYU in the M.F.A. lighting design program. ■ Also in NYC, **Annmarie Benedict** is getting her M.F.A. in acting from the New School/Actor's Studio. ■ **Jon Rothstein** continues to act in the City, and is a company member of the Blue Light Theatre Company, founded by Greg Naughton '90. ■ **Chris Piehler** is getting his M.F.A. in playwriting from Columbia. ■ **Heather Philip** has great brunches in NYC. ■ **Jen Thompson** is freelancing in advertising in NYC. ■ Living in Somerville, MA, **Bethany Steinsieck** is working for Harvard Univ. Press. ■ **Jenny Brown** is also in Boston, as a singer with day jobs. ■ **Laura Ward** is in med school at the Univ. of Pittsburgh. ■ **Jodie Howard** has relocated to Houston, where she's working in environmental issues. ■ **Matt Yeoman** is entering his final year at Juilliard. ■ Living in northern VA, **Jane Hanson** is working as a costumer for the Washington Opera. ■ **Mike Matheson** is married and finishing law school at the Univ. of Chicago. ■ **Dave Anderson** is getting an M.F.A. in acting from UC Irvine. ■ **Laura Wells** went on tour with National Players and has relocated to Westchester. ■ **Jeff Spencer** is working for Merrill Lynch in NYC. ■ **Jeanne Marie O'Regan** is getting an M.A. in English at Columbia. ■ **Jon Selwood** is at Columbia, getting his M.F.A. in writing, while **Stephanie Johnson** is doing the same at Emerson in Boston. ■ **Christian Parker**, who sent news of many friends, closes: "To anyone else, if I forgot you, I'm sorry. Write your own letter." ❖ ***PHOTO CAPTION:*** Newlyweds **Erin Kahn** and Paul B. Withstandley III were married on September 23, 1995.

1994

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Living in San Francisco, **Terese Tatum** and **Heidi Poulin** see **Leo Quinn, Heather Anderson, Gabe Nathanson**, and **Chris (Riley) Willcox**. Terese is a marketing analyst at Internet Profiles Corp. Heidi's an editorial assistant at Osborne/McGraw-Hill. ■ **Karl Pelletier**, who has been working with adjudicated kids in an intensive wilderness therapy program, is moving to San Francisco. ■ **Sarah Johnson** works for Harper Collins publishing in San Francisco. ■ Gene Swift (SwiftWrtr@aol.com) is in Hollywood, finishing his MFA in screenwriting at the American Film Institute. He attended the December wedding of junior-year roommate Keith Kelly in MT. ■ **John Barrett**, still hard at work for Taco Bell's executive offices in CA, sees **Luke Schaeffer** (Price Waterhouse, Litigation Consulting) and **Drew Graham** (Arthur Andersen, Litigation Consulting) often in Newport Beach. John also caught up with **Al Rindfuss** and **John Anderson**, who were following the Olympic torch through southern CA as a promo for Coca-Cola. ■ **Jon Johnstone** quit his job to be a starving writer in L.A. for a few months. ■ **Chris Carter** on life in CA: "I've tied myself to the mast. Don't untie me no matter what the sirens sing." ■ **Cedric Edwards** is at LSU med school, and has submitted the first part of his research at Middlebury for publication. In New Orleans, he recently ran into **Jocelin Reatiraza**, who's getting her master's at Tulane. ■ **James Wilcox** is now Rep. Bill Archer's (R-TX) press secretary in Houston. ■ In CO, **Tim Bernard** is attempting to get into medical school and **Josh Kucker** is completing his premed studies. ■ **Julie Kaufman** bought a house in Telluride, and spent the winter coaching skiing there. ■ Working for a land surveying company in Jackson Hole, WY, **George Putnam** is skiing every lunch break—more than 80 days on skis last season! He's become quite the teleskier-capturing first place (with Midd's **Jeremy Hertzig** sweeping a clean second) in the Jackson Hole telebump contest this year. **Aaron Ambuske** is there as well, balancing ski days with an engineering job for Life-Link, testing ski equipment. ■ **Porter Fox** (Box 1286, Jackson Hole, WY 83001), the sports reporter for the *Jackson Hole News*, skis as much as possible. ■ **Kristin Currier** is in her second year teaching French and ESL at the Westover School in Middlebury, CT, where she also coaches field hockey and lacrosse, and is the international student adviser. ■ **Sarah Teele** and **Matt Bingham** moved back from New Zealand in February. Sarah has applied to med schools. ■ **Joel Thompson** was working in Portland, ME, this summer. ■ **Ethan McKittrick, Brett Leland**, and **Jamie Donovan** are living together in Brighton, MA. ■ **Michelle Weagle** and **Adrian Wood** are living in Medford, MA. Michelle works at the Pike School in Andover. ■ **Liz Weems** (lweems@webergroup.com) is working at a public relations firm in Cambridge, while living on Boston's Beacon Hill with **Alison Vreeland**, who works in the marketing/advertising dept. of the MA Bar Assoc. Also in the Boston area is **Nancy Hastings**, who lives in Cambridge and works at a software company in Boston. Liz, Alison, and Nancy traveled to Oakland, CA, in May for the marriage of **Darsie White** and John Swanson '92. Other bridesmaids included **Rebecca Eisele** of DC and **Sarah Hannigan** of Santa Fe, NM. ■ **Victoria Hughes** is still teaching in Middlebury, VT. ■ **Franco Zauli** has been living in Middlebury, working for Otter Creek Brewery, and thinking of Clown College. ■ **Matt Evans** is still in grad school at Cornell. ■ **Martha Rhode** took a vacation in Cambodia, where she managed to avoid Khymer Rouge landmines and the rebel armies. ■ **Brian DeChristopher** has been moved to the strategy and corporate finance practice at Arthur D. Little, so has not been traveling very much. ■ Congrats to **April Paris** and **Anthony Joseph**, who are the proud parents of a bouncing baby boy. ■ **Kate Walsh** is living in Florence, Italy, where, in addition to learning how to cook, she is busy organizing custom culinary vacations and bicycle tours for both students and travelers. Drop her a line if you're headed to the land of pasta at judithw@ats.it, and make sure that you

Katharine Berry '92 and Randy Folts (see 1992 column)

Anne Ward and Tom Chambers '91 (see 1991 column)

put her name in the subject line. ■ Living in the West Village, **Anne Brahic** and Josh Bradford '93 are in grad school at NYU—Anne in set design and Josh in lighting design. ■ **Maggie Terry** works in the financial world in NYC. ■ **Ana Reeder** is in her third year at NYU in the acting program. ■ **Laura Cowperthwait** is a research analyst at Veronis, Suhler & Associates, an NYC investment bank specializing in the media industry. ■ **Teresa Cooper** is teaching high school in New Orleans, doing some writing in her free time, and hopes to move to NYC this fall or spring. ■ **Rob Light** is bartending in NYC at Cronie's on the Upper East Side. ■ During spring break, **Ben Curtis** sojourned to NYC, where he caught up with **Mike Levin, Dana Taussig, Trista Voss**, and **Ed Soh**. ■ **Teaque Lenahan** (teaque.a.lenahan @ac.com) is designing multimedia software for a client of Andersen Consulting. ■ **Steve Thirolle** is acting and working as a tennis coach. ■ In March **Cindy Coe** and former Midd prof. Rebecca Kukla presented a paper at a conference at the Univ. of OR, where Cindy is continuing her philosophy Ph.D. ■ **Katherine Hardin**, who received a foreign language fellowship, has transferred to the M.A. program for Russian and East European Studies at IU in Bloomington. ■ **Sandy Durst** left his creative writing teaching job at the Pennington School in NJ to start DePaul Univ. Law School this July. ■ **Won Kim** is going to the Univ. of VA for his Ph.D. in history. ■ **KT Briscoe** lives in DC with **Rebecca Eisele** and **Virginia Martin**. KT is going to London School of Economics in the fall. ■ Also in DC are **Rob Merrill, Dudley Winthrop**, and **Christine Waasdorp**. Christine was accepted to UVM School of Med (class of 2000) and has been awarded a full scholarship by the Army. ■ **Delbert Chew** was just promoted at the Advisory Board in DC. ■ **Vanessa Christenberry** just moved to DC from TN to help educate our nation's youth. ■ **Webb Burns** is moving to DC. ■ **Eugene Lee** is an environmental paralegal at Cleary, Gottlieb in DC and a volunteer mentor at Youthlink. **Mridul Rahman** was spending part of the summer with Eugene while interning with the Office of Management and Budget in DC. ■ **Tynlee Roberts** and **Anne Seator**, recently back from Hong Kong, have settled in DC. ■ **Scott Godes** worked for the Pentagon this summer, reviewing government contracts, looking for the famous $1,000 hammers. ■ You can reach **Joanna Schemm** at joannas@ndi.com. ■ **Amy McKee** (fdcr@clark.net—put her name on the subject line) recently visited **Christina Jaeger** in London. Christina (146 Elgin Ave., London W9 2NT. 0171-286-4399) is working as a film production assistant. ■ **Alex Mackintosh** is moving back to London this summer. ■ **Paul Hughes** and Amy Fox '93 went to England in July. ■ **Isabelle Ortega** has been traveling the world since graduation. ■ Lamia Bennis '93 is planning a fall trip in Morocco with **Justine Dobbs-Higginson**, a financial analyst for Goldman Sachs in London. ■ **Kipp Sutton** has been traveling to Chile and Argentina. ■ **Amanda Angle** is in Namibia, Africa, teaching English on WORLDTEACH. ■ **Brett Harman** is in Costa Rica translating. ■ **Amanda Stine** is finishing up Teach for America and going to med school at UNC Chapel Hill. ■ **Yana Minnis** married Edward Beranek on September 23, 1995.

1995

Class Secretaries: *Wendy S. Russell (wrussell@Middlebury.edu), MC Box 4200, Middlebury, VT 05753; and Douglas J. Rogers (douglas.rogers@balliol.oxford.ac.uk), 62 Skyline Dr., Morristown, NJ 07960.*

Ruth Kelty is studying marine ecology in grad school at the Univ. of MD. ■ **Cynthia Cordner** (ccordner@servtech.com) is working for a computer software development company in Jamestown, NY. ■ **Eric Wiener** (DJW96@genseo.edu) is an editor and camera operator at WROC-TV (Channel 8) in Rochester, NY. "In my free time I come up with reasons not to sit down and work on a screenplay." ■ **Kat Buchan**, who lives in the Boston area, is assistant director of development for the Big Party, Inc. ■ **Rezwan Sharif** works for a consulting company in Boston. ■ **Caren Priest**, who is working in the hotel business in Boston, recently visited Middlebury. ■ **Rachel Esch** e-mailed that she is "pursuing that journalism thing in my spare time, reading books and magazines, and trying to figure out where to go next." In the meantime, she is teaching in VA. ■ **Adrienne Downie** is finishing up a master's in education at Smith. ■ **Terra Reilly** is moving to Kansas City to begin her writing career. ■ **Melissa Wechsler Clearfield** is in a Ph.D. program in developmental psychology at IU at Bloomington. ■ **Kirsten Hanson** and Todd Molz '94 were married on October 19, 1995. They live in Chicago. ■ **Daron Barnard** has completed two semesters toward his Ph.D. at Vanderbilt in Nashville, TN. ■ **John Ludwig** lives in Denver, where he works as a photogrammetrist and sings with the CO Symphony chorus. He recently visited **Liz Page** and **Lelia Arnheim** in London. ■ **Hannah Covert** was a resettlement caseworker for Cuban refugees last year in Atlanta. This fall, she starts an M.A. in Latin American studies at the Univ. of FL, where she received a graduate assistantship. ■ **Shannon Detweiler** has moved back to San Diego, where she has a curating job with the San Diego Art Museum. ■ **Dan Morris** enlisted in the Army, and is off to Monterey to learn another language. ■ In OR, **Becky Plona** is a teacher/therapist at a private school for severely emotionally disturbed adolescents. "I'll spend my summers leading wilderness trips for them through the old growth forests of central OR." She recently visited **Maya Van Putten** and Duffy Thompson '94 in San Francisco. ■ **Tory Wells** has a publishing position in New York. ■ **Farrell Roth** directed, starred in, and produced a feature-length docudrama, *Fish without Bicycles*, with fellow stars **Abby Clough, Shara Mendelson, Katina Houvouras**, and **Aidan Sullivan**. Farrell is also working for the TV show *Extra!* on NBC. ■ According to **Fahti Khosrowshahi**, **Katina Houvouras** is assisting the *Rolling Stones* magazine photographer in NYC; **Elizabeth Heald** is teaching in San Diego; and **Brian Passikoff** works for an Internet company in Tahoe, CA. ■ **Dana MacGrath** just finished NYU School of Law and was taking the NY Bar this summer. This fall she's an associate at Sullivan & Cromwell in NYC. ■ **Rob Vanderbes** is taking pre-med classes in NYC while working as a computer consultant. ■ **Daniel Richards** (daniel.richards@btco.sprint.com), an analyst in corporate finance at Bankers Trust, lives on the Upper East Side and sees Justin Burley '95. ■ **Carine Falkenberg** heads to NYC at summer's end to begin a master's in social work at NYU. Last year she interned at Berkshire Learning Center in Pittsfield, MA. ■ Living in Jerusalem, **Janine Zacharia** (janine@netvision.net.il) is a staff correspondent at a biweekly magazine, *The Jerusalem Report*. ■ After teaching English for one year in Japan, **Christina Westfall** had such a good time she's staying for another year. ■ **David Diamonon** lives in Riga, Latvia, where he works for an international trucking company called Firebird Transport. ■ **Linda Whittier** runs a babysitting company in ME. In her spare time, she leads tourist expeditions to Moscow and other Russian cities. ■ **Liz Bibby** is spending the year in St. Petersburg on the American Collegiate Consortium exchange program. ■ **Julia Bonde** works for a nonprofit environmental consulting agency in Moscow called Ekologia. Her apartment is right down the road from Boris Yeltsin. ■ Until August, **Tina Monson** is in Minsk, Belarus, where she's working on a project called "small scale privatization" for the World Bank. ■ **Kana Dyck** lives in Germany, where she has a job with a German-Japanese computer company. ■ As the new assistant director of residential life at Midd, **Wendy Russell** was in charge of housing and room draw on campus this spring. ■ **Andrea Lathrop** returned to Midd in March and April as guest lighting designer for the student-directed Hepburn Zoo show, *Look Back in Anger*. ■ **Dave Kulis** (DaveKulis@aol.com) invites all Class of '95 friends to visit him at Ascutney Mountain Ski Resort in VT, where he is director of marketing and communications. "So stop by and take a few runs with me during the winter of '96-'97!" ■ **Jeffrey Fellinger**, currently a carpenter in Bozeman, MT, had a visit from **J.P. Watson** last October, who was on his way to Telluride, CO. They had "super couple of days of hiking in Yellowstone National Park."

1996

Class Secretaries: *Jennifer Varney, P.O. Box 104, Stillwater, ME 04489; and Mohan Renganathan, 28 Oak Cir., Princeton, MA 01541.*

Welcome to Middlebury's newest alumni! Seventy-five percent of the Class of 1996 contributed more than $8,000 toward a class gift, setting a new senior class record for participation this year. The successful establishment of the Class of 1996 Scholarship in memory of **Deborah Edelstein** means that a scholarship will be given next year to a member of the Class of 1997 who has demonstrated outstanding academic achievement and community involvement. Congratulations to the Class of 1996. ■ **Jason Mantzoukas** is headed for North Africa and the Middle East to study jazz. Jason is among 60 U.S. college students chosen to receive Thomas J. Watson Foundation fellowships for a year of postgrad solo study and foreign travel. Congratulations, Jason! Be sure to keep your classmates informed of your happenings by sending news to your class secretaries or to the magazine.

Jeffrey Follinger and J.P. Watson in Yellowstone National Park

LANGUAGE SCHOOLS

ENGLISH

Dorothy Perkins (M.A. '59), retired chair of the Midland (TX) High School English dept., recently gave a book review for a book club in Midland. ■ **Mary E. Staniels** (M.A. '65) retired this spring after 32 years at Winnacunnet (NH) High School. ■ **Monica Weis** SSJ (M.A. '73), an English prof. at Nazareth College (Rochester, NY), has been appointed a visiting fellow at Yale this fall to research Colonial American literature. She will focus on captivity and slave narratives. ■ **Larry Abbott** (M.A. '78) is the editor of *I Stand in the Center of the Good: Interviews with Contemporary Native American Artists* (Univ. of NB Press '94). ■ **Tom Miller** ('82-'84) taught a course in classical languages in spring 1996 at Arapahoe Community College, Littleton, CO. He has taught courses in creative writing there since 1985, and has edited and published several newspapers and literacy magazines for the Community Education Program. Besides teaching and writing, Tom practices law in Denver, CO.

FRENCH

Olive M. Charles (M.A. '32) has retired from teaching French for 41 years at Westtown (PA) School. ■ **Michelle Weiller Dapautre** (M.A. '54), director of her own literary agency in Paris since 1961, has been named Chevalier de l'Ordre des Arts et des Lettres. ■ French Prof. **Mel B. Yoken** ('59, '63), recently received the Teacher of the Year Award at the Univ. of MA, Dartmouth. In a letter that Mel received in April 1993, late Secretary of Commerce Ron Brown '62 said, in part: "I am glad to hear of your support of Middlebury; even after 30 years, it still holds a very special place in my heart." I know that all of us share Mr. Brown's comment that Midd is "a very special place," and that his recent, tragic death has greatly saddened all of us. ■ **Terry Avery** (M.A. '67) who teaches French in Greenwich (CT) High School, lives in the south of France during the summer, giving tours of Provence and his renovated 17th-century home there. ■ **Richard Burgess** (M.A. '69) is an NEH summer fellow in a seminar, "Balzac and Zola: Esthetics and Ethics in the Novel," at UMass-Dartmouth. As a language teacher at Needham (MA) High School, he reports that he is "constantly on the lookout for quality students to steer towards" Middlebury. He recently sponsored the first Middlebury College Book Award for a deserving high school junior. ■ **Bob Edmonson** (M.A. '73) has been promoted to technical director at Paraclete Video in Orleans, MA. ■ Diane Robinson and **Wayne Oudekerk** (M.A. '79) were married on July 6 on the Hendrix campus, where he is prof. of German and coordinator of international programs. ■ **Christopher Rivers** (M.A. '84), a member of the French dept. at Mount Holyoke College, has received tenure and has been promoted to associate professor. ■ **Marleen Defever-Verlhoc** (M.A. '89) and husband Vincent welcomed daughter Constance Renée on April 21, 1996. They live in Paris, France.

GERMAN

Jim Quirk (M.A. '67) (jamesquirk@aol.com) has joined the faculty of Louisiana State Univ. at Alexandria, teaching computer science. ■ **Mark Homnack** (M.A. '82) has 35 employees in his Silicon Valley business, SimulTrans, translating documents and software into foreign languages. ■ **Jacqueline Merriam Paskow** (M.A. '84) has been awarded the Dr. Homer L. Dodge Award of Excellence in Teaching.

RUSSIAN

Robert Nusbaum (M.A. '73) has completed 30 years of teaching Russian in PA's Middletown Township, where he has 60 to 80 students enrolled in classes each year. His avid students have included his own three children. ■ **Ethan W. Shapiro** (M.A. '83) has been appointed associate dean of the modern languages dept. at Phillips Exeter Academy.

SPANISH

Designated one of five outstanding educators in the state of WA, **Julie McFarland Rawson** (M.A. '67) received the 1995 Milken Family Foundation National Educator Award of $25,000. Julie teaches in the Spanish/Bilingual Migrant Program at Brewster (WA) High School. ■ Michel and **Lucy Needleman Brown** (MA '71) (lmbrown@accent.net) and children Jessica (12) and Jordan (10) have moved back to Canada (1076 Des Perdrix Longueuil, QC J4J-5J7) and would love to hear from Spanish School friends. ■ **Cathleen Robinson** (M.A. '72), a faculty member at Williston Northampton School, won an NEH grant for a summer seminar (Modern Hispanic Drama: a Metatheatrical Approach) at Brigham Young Univ. ■ **Jory Hingson** (M.A. '76) was an interpreter and writer with the federal government, but changed careers and became a bilingual attorney specializing in child advocacy. Now she is the new executive director of the Child Abuse Prevention Center at VA Baptist Hospital, Lynchburg, VA. ■ **Catherine Rodgers** (M.A. '92) (rodgersc@wfu.edu) is a teacher at Wake Forest Univ., Winston-Salem, NC. She anticipated seeing Middlebury classmates/colleagues for the third consecutive year at the ETS essay reading meeting in Clemson, SC, June 2-9. After visiting old schools and friends in Colombia, she planned a reunion with **Annette Ramos** (M.A. '90) in Boston and attended the May 11 marriage of **Laura Moses** (M.A. French '95) and Chafic Hadjouji in Charleston, SC.

CLASS ACT

A Passion for Native American Art

The seventh generation concept holds that any decision made affects people for seven generations. "With one ear you listen to the past seven generations, and with the other to the next seven generations," explained Tuscarora (Beaver Clan) artist Rick Hill to **Larry Abbott**. That is the kind of thinking that attracted Abbott to Native American cultures and especially to their contemporary art.

A decade after earning the M.Litt. at the Bread Loaf School of English in 1978, Abbott first encountered the heritage through a seminar on Native American literature for school teachers sponsored by the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH). His knowledge has become profound: he recently lectured on Native American art at the National Museum of the American Indian in New York City, and he contributes articles periodically to *Indian Artist* magazine, *American Indian Quarterly,* and other journals. His 1994 book, *I Stand at the Center of the Good,* records his education in this branch of art.

And what an education. Abbott came to know a number of Native American visual artists and for his book introduced and transcribed interviews with 17 of them. "I wanted the artist's voice preeminent instead of mine. I also wanted to turn up the hearing aid of white Americans to listen to Native Americans," Abbott says. "Often critics pronounce what a work of art is." But in Native art, which tends to incorporate many specific cultural details, unless the critics are extremely culturally sensitive they can miss the point. A sequel to *Center of the Good,* including more interviews with Native artists from different regions of the U.S. and Canada, is now with a publisher.

Native American artists frequently are multitalented, following in the footsteps of venerated ancestors who were storytellers *and* potters or tepee painters *and* speakers. Today, they are painters and poets or sculptors and museum directors. They respect their cultural forebears, as well as their individual blood lineage, not only for the talents, but also for the traits of survival and perseverance. Their art responds to and tries to account for the world, providing a window through which to view Native cultures.

Abbott, who teaches high school English during the school year, completed a sabbatical in May funded by an NEH grant (his second in five years) during which he studied "Land, Homeland, and Borderland in Contemporary Native American Art and Literature." With the sense of place within the universe that characterizes Native thinking, his subject deals with land in general, homeland as the specific place of one's heritage, and borderland as the place of interaction between Native American and non-Native cultures. Summers Abbott works as assistant to the director of the Bread Loaf School of English at the Native American Preparatory School in Rowe, New Mexico. ■

OBITUARIES

1921

CARLETA OTTMAN HAUGH, 96, of Hartford, CT, on May 5, 1996, at her home. She was a teacher in Schenectady from 1921 until her marriage to Charles J. Haugh, Jr. '21, in 1924. He died in 1988. For 40 years, Mrs. Haugh lived in West Hartford, where she belonged to the West Hartford Woman's Club. She was a member of the First Church of Christ, Congregational, in West Hartford and the Women's Guild. She is survived by her daughter, Jane Haugh Edgerton, a granddaughter, a grandson, and a great-grandson. Her late brother, Arthur M. Ottman, belonged to the Class of '17, and her late sister-in-law, Helen Haugh, to the Class of '14.

1922

MILDRED JENKINS MacALLISTER, 97, of Bradenton, FL, on April 13, 1996, at home. A native of Pawlet, VT, she became one of the first women to receive an M.S. degree from Middlebury in 1923. She served in the Women's Army Corps in Europe during World War II. She was a high school teacher and administrator for more than 25 years, and a social worker in VT for 15 years. Survivors include son Leonard C. MacAllister, Jr., a granddaughter, and a great-granddaughter.

1924

ROLLIN R. CRANE, 94, of Newport Beach, CA, on September 6, 1995. Mr. Crane and his wife, Adahruth (Ellis), had three daughters, Kathleen Allen, Pamela DePasquale, and Carol McNew.

HELEN TAYLOR CULLEN, 94, of Somers, CT, on May 29, 1996, at home. Mrs. Cullen was a French teacher at Bulkeley High School in Hartford from 1927 to 1940. She was a lifetime member of St. Francis Hospital Women's Auxiliary and a member of Johnson Memorial Hospital Women's Auxiliary. Predeceased by her husband, James R. Cullen, M.D., she is survived by son James T. Cullen and two grandchildren.

1926

DORIS HOWARD GOODWIN, 89, of Oakdale, CT, on October 26, 1995. Mrs. Goodwin taught at Haverhill Academy and then for 17 years at the Cohanzie School in Waterford, CT. She earned an M.A. from Central CT State in 1961. Predeceased by her husband, A. Jerome Goodwin, she is survived by daughter Dorothy Hughes, sons John and Peter Goodwin, sisters Dorothy Howard Aldrich '31 and Margaret Woodman, nine grandchildren, and one great-granddaughter.

WILLIAM T. HADE, 89, of Lakewood, NJ, on March 13, 1995. During his senior year at Middlebury, Mr. Hade taught the first speech course for the women's college. Continuing his teaching profession, he served as assistant headmaster at the Dwight School in New York, headmaster of Oakland (NJ) Military Academy, and retired as director of the Stratford (NJ) Academy. His wife of 16 years, Dorothy (Davison), died in 1992. Survivors include a daughter, Marna Hade Wattenberg, and three grandchildren.

RACHEL BARNES LOACH, 93, of Richmond, MA, on April 14, 1996. She taught for two years in CT before going to India, where she served with the American Board of Foreign Missions (1928 to 1933), as a teacher at the Ahmednagar Girls School and in child welfare clinics. After her marriage to Englishman Thomas H. Loach, she and her family lived in China and Japan, where her husband was an engineer for Asiatic Petroleum Co. While her husband was in a Shanghai prison camp during World War II, Mrs. Loach lived in Richmond, serving as a plane spotter, a Red Cross nurse's aide, and a reporter for the Ber*kshire Eagle*. Predeceased by her husband in 1990, she leaves daughters Marjorie Anderson and Patricia Augur, a sister, four grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

1927

PAULINE CROSS WHITNEY, 91, of Surry, ME, formerly of Worcester, MA, on May 7, 1996. Her husband, Percy T. Whitney '25, died in 1990. In 1982, Dr. and Mrs. Whitney established the Percy T. and Pauline C. Whitney Scholarship Fund in support of financial aid to deserving students. She was active in the Surry Garden Club and Ellsworth Congregational Church. In addition to her husband, she was predeceased by four of his brothers, Willard C. '27, F. Carl '18, Royal T. '31, and Raymond L. '35. Survivors include her sister, Marjorie Cross Smith '28; brother-in-law Julius W. Whitney '35; nephew Wendell F. Smith, Jr. '53; and nieces Shirley Smith Morefield '56, Michele Whitney Telfer '63, Patricia Whitney Messler '69, Barbara Whitney Wilson '51, and Shirley Whitney Juneo '58.

1929

HENRY E. HUNT, 88, of Portsmouth, NH, on May 9, 1996. Mr. Hunt taught mathematics at Newport High School in VT and Hebron Academy in ME until 1943, when he began a 24-year teaching career at Cushing Academy, Ashburnham, MA. He chaired the mathematics department and coached skiing and track for 24 years. Survivors include his wife of 54 years, Estelle Peavey Hunt (M.A. French '38), a niece, a nephew, and two cousins.

1931

HAROLD S. SNIFFEN, 87, of Hampton, VA, on May 5, 1996, of a heart attack. Joining the staff of the Mariners' Museum in 1931, Mr. Sniffen served as curator of prints and printing, assistant director, and curator emeritus. After retiring in 1973, he published books on Danish-American maritime artist Antonio Jacobsen. Mr. Sniffen served in the Navy during World War II. He also served as historiographer of the Episcopal Diocese of Southern VA. Predeceased by a sister, Alice Sniffen Bowen '22, and by his father, Ernest W. Sniffen, class of 1896; Mr. Sniffen is survived by wife Anna (Hallett), son Timothy Sniffen, daughter Anne Sniffen Cates, and four grandchildren.

1932

HELEN FROST REYNOLDS, 86, of Middlebury, VT, on April 27, 1996. Born in Pittsford, she was married to William Henry Reynolds in 1937. He died in 1987. Surviving is son Mark, daughter Kirstin Hirsch, and grandson Andrew Hirsch.

1933

REGINALD K. HOUSE, 85, of Woodsville, NH, on May 8, 1996. A 1937 graduate of the Univ. of VT Medical School, he became an instructor at Dartmouth Medical School and joined the staff at the Mary Hitchcock Memorial Hospital, progressing to professor of pathology and chair of laboratory medicine at the Medical School and Hitchcock Clinic. Retiring in 1976, he continued as a part time pathologist at the V.A. Hospital in White River Junction until 1983. Predeceased by his wife of 51 years, Florence (Hartshorn), in 1993, he is survived by daughter Jane Mikell, son James M. House, and five grandchildren.

1935

PATIENCE LYON CROWLEY, 81, of Randolph, VT, on March 7, 1996. Mrs. Crowley was the purchasing agent at Gifford Memorial Hospital and, after her retirement, became hospital librarian. She served as a trustee for the Kimball Public Library and was active in Middlebury alumni affairs. Predeceased by husband Joseph Crowley '33 in 1970, she is survived by daughters Martha McKinney, Kathleen Knox, Josephine Busha, and Nora Miller; son John Crowley; nine grandchildren; and a sister, Judith Lyon Lyon '46.

JAMES S. MILLAR, 81, of Portsmouth, NH, on March 18, 1996. A veteran of World War II, he received the Purple Heart and several other decorations for his participation in the D-Day invasion of Normandy. Mr. Millar worked for Shawmut National Bank and Firestone Tire Co. in Boston, retiring as business manager of the *Portsmouth Herald*. Besides his wife, Barbara (Whittemore), survivors include brothers William and John Millar, sisters Elizabeth Howard and Ruth Millar, and many nieces and nephews.

1937

KENNETH W. MACFADYEN, 82, of Lenox, MA, on April 14, 1996. With a master's in organic chemistry (Middlebury, 1939), Mr. MacFadyen taught at Colgate Univ., served as director of research at Westvaco Corp., and became a manager at General Electric Co. in Pittsfield. He contributed to several industry publications and held three patents. He later worked with the Atlantic Design and Doble Engineering companies, retiring in 1975. A resident of Lenox since 1954, he was active in community service, especially school planning and construction. He is survived by his wife of 55 years, Hermine (Sawatsch); sons Kenneth, Scott '64, and Donald; and two grandchildren.

WENDELL H. POWERS, 80, of St. Clair Shores, MI, on March 2, 1996. With a master's (UNH, 1939) and a doctorate (Columbia, 1943) in chemistry, Dr. Powers was a professor at Wayne (MI) State Univ., teaching nursing and pre-med students and serving as executive secretary of the Kresge-Hooker Science Library Associates. He co-authored a textbook, *General Chemistry*, and edited a chemical journal. A stroke forced his retirement in 1973. His wife, Annie Irene (Douglass), predeceased him in 1989. He is survived by son William H. Powers '67, daughter Nancy A. Powers, and a granddaughter.

1938

DORIS FIFE McGOWAN, 79, of Keene, NH, on April 10, 1996. A teacher for 33 years in NH, Mrs. McGowan was a 50-year member of Beta Sigma Phi and belonged to the United Methodist Church of Claremont. Survivors include her husband of 52 years, Alton G. McGowan; sons David and Gregory McGowan; two brothers, two sisters, and two grandchildren; as well as cousins Nona Fife Peck '45 and Harry M. Fife, Jr. '50.

1939

ARTHENA GREGG ATWOOD, 78, of Wethersfield, CT, on March 13, 1996. With a master's degree (Univ. of VT, 1946), Mrs. Atwood taught high school French and Latin in New Berlin and Cambridge, NY, and in Middletown and Enfield, CT. She was active in the International Women's Circle, the Women's Club, the Greater Hartford AAUW, the Newport County Preservation Society, and the Episcopal Church Women. Her husband, the Rev. Roy MacKaye Atwood, survives her, as do daughters Kathryn Morrow and Mary Lamo, and four grandchildren. Other survivors include a nephew, Bentley C. Gregg '68, and great-niece Sara M. Gregg '97.

BORDEN E. AVERY, 79, of Fairlee, VT, on March 25, 1996. Mr. Avery worked in several hotels, including the

Middlebury Inn, before serving in World War II. In 1946, Mr. Avery and wife Louise Roberts Avery '39 purchased the Norwich (VT) Inn. They later owned Bonnie Oaks Resort on Lake Morey, the Tavern Motor Inn in Montpelier, and Lake Morey Inn in Fairlee. The family (including son Allen's family) presently owns and operates the Lake Morey Country Club in Fairlee. Mr. Avery served in the state legislature and was active in VT, New England, and national hotel associations, receiving the Resort Executive of the Year Award in 1983. He also helped to establish the New England Culinary Institute in Montpelier. In addition to his wife and son, he is survived by three grandchildren, a stepgrandson, and two sisters. Middlebury cousins include Marion Jones Munford '32, David Munford '72, Martha Munford Hillemann '79, and Caroline Hillemann '88. Mr. and Mrs. Avery established the Borden E. and Louise R. Avery Scholarship Fund to help deserving Vermonters attend Middlebury.

1940

MARGARET JONES EMERSON, 77, of Gloucester, MA, on March 30, 1996. She worked in the commercial department of AT&T in New York City before her 1945 marriage to Gordon E. Emerson, Jr. '40. Mrs. Emerson was active in community and church affairs while they lived in Everett, Lynnfield, Rockport, and Boston, MA, and in Stratford, NH. Predeceased by her husband in 1993, she is survived by sons David '68, Christopher, Jonathan '74; and by nine grandchildren, including Jessica Emerson Demarjian '92; and one great-grandson.

1941

RICHARD L. TREAT, 76, of Seabrook Island, SC, on March 26, 1996. He served in the Navy during World War II as a naval aviator in the Pacific theater, receiving three Air Medals and two Distinguished Flying Crosses. He began his career in newspaper publishing at the *Boston* (MA) *Post*, and subsequently held executive positions for newspapers in Portland, ME; Fresno, CA; and Schenectady and Kingston, NY. In 1974 he became chief operating officer of all Ingersoll papers in the U.S., from which he retired in 1979. Mary (Brehaut) '42, his wife of 45 years, died in 1988. His second wife, Jean (Damon), survives him, as do sons Richard L. Jr. and Donald J., stepson J. Stephen Schmutz, stepdaughters Cynthia Belvin and Dolores Lindley, 10 grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.—*Les Ingalls '41*

1943

JUNE ARCHIBALD LENT, 74, of Clearwater, FL, formerly of Lynnfield, MA, on February 14, 1996. She was secretary of the Trinity Church in Lynnfield and, after retiring to FL, was active in the St. Paul Methodist Church in Largo. She also volunteered for the Arthritis Research Institute of America. Predeceased by her husband, Harold A. Lent, she is survived by sons David and Richard and a granddaughter, Christina.

1945

FRANK W. FISH, 73, of Pittsfield, MA, on March 20, 1996. After serving four years in the Marine Corps during World War II, he returned to Pittsfield and was employed as a sales manager at W.H. Shedd & Son Plumbing for 34 years, retiring in 1980. He was a ham radio operator, a square dancer, and, with wife Arolyn "Lyn" (Hawkes) ran the Kiln ceramics studio in Pittsfield. Besides his wife, he is survived by sons David and Frank, daughter Susan, and two grandsons.

1946

PAMELA LOWE MALONEY, 70, of Brookline, MA, on April 17, 1996. She began her business career in New York City, working for John D. Rockefeller III, and later in the publishing and advertising industry for McCall Corp. and United Fruit Co. She was a 20-year employee of Marsh & McLennan Corp. in Boston, an international insurance brokerage company, where she was an executive administrator. Wife of the late Bernard T. Maloney, Mrs. Maloney leaves no immediate survivors.

MARJORY HARRISON TIGER, 71, of Centerville, MA, on May 6, 1996. She participated in the accelerated program at Middlebury during World War II. A longtime resident of Summit, NJ, Mrs. Tiger sang with the Interludes and was a volunteer for the Battered Women's Shelter in Elizabeth. She was a floral designer in Berkeley Heights in the 1980s. She is survived by husband Harvey John Tiger, son Thomas Tiger; daughter Hollis Wines; sisters Nancy Harrison Bove '52 and Barbara Harrison Naddaff '55, two grandchildren, and many Middlebury cousins. Memorial contributions may be made to her parents' fund in the Middlebury alumni endowment, in memory of Sumner D. '17 and Margaret Harris Harrison '18.

1949

ROBERT J. SIMPSON, 73, of Narragansett, RI, on May 7, 1996. During World War II, he served with the 924th Aviation Engineers in Europe. For 20 years he worked in personnel with Allied Stores Corp. and Union Carbide Corp. in New York City. He then owned and operated the Colby Hill Inn at Henniker, NH, as well as the Bath Art Shop (1971-82). He was active in Hospice after retiring to Hendersonville, NC. He was a member of the Narragansett Pacers' Square Dance Group and the South County Art Assoc. Survivors include wife Jody, two sisters, and four stepchildren.

Laurence M. Selleck '44

1921-1995

LAURENCE M. SELLECK, 74, of San Diego, CA, on November 2, 1995, of lung cancer. Leaving Middlebury in June 1942 for naval aviation training, Mr. Selleck served as a Marine dive bomber pilot in central and western Pacific areas during World War II. He returned to Middlebury with a wife and son, graduating in 1947 with a veteran's degree. During that year he also operated the Middlebury airport with a group of his classmates. Rejoining the Marine active reserve, flying Corsairs during the Korean conflict, he remained in the service until 1969 when he retired as a lieutenant colonel. His first wife, Eileen (O'Hagan) died in 1964. Survivors include his wife of 28 years, Ok Soon; sons Larry, Robert, and Lee Selleck; daughters Bonnie Tuck and Pamela Selleck; brothers Richard and David Selleck; seven grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

1950

RUTH EDDY CUNLIFFE, 67, of Andover, MA, on April 8, 1996, of a heart attack. With a teaching certificate from Castleton State College, Mrs. Cunliffe taught for 28 years in the North Reading school system. She was also an accomplished pianist. Survivors include husband Bill Cunliffe, Sr., and son Bill Cunliffe, Jr.

TATIANA VIRRICK DUTTENHOFER, 66, of Windermere, FL, on October 5, 1995, of cancer. In 1962, she became director of the Eliot School of South Miami. She pioneered the Montessori method of teaching the students (ages 2 to 12), and opened the school early to accommodate working mothers. In 1972, she established a roof cleaning and painting business, in which she remained actively involved into her sixties. Survivors include her former husband, Stanley Duttenhofer, daughters Tatiana Walton and Pandora Greenstein, and two grandchildren.—*Barbara J. Parker '50*

MAYER "MIKE" SIMON, 69, of Delray Beach, FL, on November 8, 1995. A Navy veteran of World War II, with an engineering degree (Rensselaer) and a master's in accounting (Univ. of Hartford), Mr. Simon's career was in engineering. He retired in 1987 after 30 years at Pratt & Whitney, moving from Westbrook, CT, to Delray Beach five years ago. He leaves his wife, Maxine (Pfeffer), daughters Laura Volz and Eve Gooley, mother Augusta Gotthoffer Simon, a sister, and three grandchildren.

1952

PHYLLIS J. DIXON, 65, of Fort Stockton, TX, on March 18, 1996. She held an M.A. in Romance Languages from the Univ. of TX (1958) and did further graduate study at the Univ. of NM, where she was a teacher. In Fort Stockton, TX, she converted her family homestead—an adobe built by her grandparents—into a successful yarn and art needlework shop. She was also a promoter of local, regional, and state historical preservation. Survivors include a brother, William R. Dixon.

1954

JANET GRAY JOHNSON, 63, of East Sandwich, MA, on March 10, 1996. A resident of Sandwich since 1968, Mrs. Johnson operated the Corner House Antique Shop, The Inn of 1716, and the Sandwich Auction House. Retiring from the latter in 1984, she remained active in the antiques business. She leaves sons Russell and Douglas Johnson, daughter Donna Johnson, two brothers, a sister, and three grandchildren.

1955

BURGESS P. REED, JR., 62, of Taunton, MA, on November 11, 1995. Mr. Reed was a graduate of the Choate School (1951) and held an MBA from Babson College (1971). He was self-employed as a consultant to Scoreboard Enterprises in Mansfield, MA. A longtime member of the United Church in Walpole, he also served on the board of trustees at Land's End Condominium in Taunton. Survivors include his wife, Mary Lee (Hirst), sons Douglas and Jonathan, daughter Susanna, a brother, and a sister.

1960

CONRAD J. WETTERGREEN, 61, of Albany, NY, on April 27, 1996. He

graduated from the Army Language School in Monterey, CA, specializing in Russian. With a master's degree (SUNY at New Paltz) and a doctorate (Univ. of East GA), Mr. Wettergreen was an economist with the TN Valley Authority in Chattanooga, taught mathematics and history at Poughkeepsie High School, and taught economics at Dutchess Community College. He was program supervisor for the NY State Education Department from 1968 until his retirement in 1994. Survivors include wife Barbara (Bowe), son Jonathan C. Wettergreen '90, two brothers, and a sister.

1963
CYNTHIA MACOMBER NYE, 55, of Windham, ME, on March 13, 1996. A graduate of Wheaton College, Mrs. Nye held a master's degree in social services from the Univ. of CT (1985). She was involved with horticulture and animals, and was active in many projects in the New Marblehead area. Survivors include her mother, Esther S.H. Macomber, and two daughters, Rebecca and Katharine Nye.

1964
MARGOT WILLIAMS-MILOSAVLJEVIC, 53, of Kumodraz, Serbia, on April 9, 1996, of cancer. She received a degree in Slavic languages (Univ. of MI, Ann Arbor) and attended the Univ. of CA, Berkeley on a Woodrow Wilson scholarship. She studied at Belgrade Univ. in Yugoslavia and at the Language Institute. She and husband Bozidar Milosvljevic worked together as freelance manuscript translators. They also published several books. Survivors other than her husband include her father, Godwin Williams, Jr.; stepmother, Etta C. Williams; stepsister, Evelyn S. Kennedy; and stepchildren, Natalie Paterson, Mariana Brothers, and Michael Milosvljevic.

1965
BRUCE M. JOHNSTON, 52, of San Jose, Costa Rica, on March 10, 1996, of a heart attack. A 1969 graduate of the American Institute for Foreign Trade in Phoenix, AZ, he traveled extensively and was employed in a variety of jobs, ranging from pipe inspector for Trans-Alpine Pipeline in Austria, heavy equipment operator in Saudi Arabia, plant manager for B.F. Goodrich in Germany, and Wurlitzer sales manager in South America. Being multilingual, he also served as an interpreter at many of these locations. He lived in Costa Rica after establishing an import/export foliage plant farm there in 1978. Survivors include daughters Kelly and Erin, former wife Bonnie (Quincer), sister Harriet Perkins, brothers Douglas and Allan, and his mother, Mildred Johnston.

1969
FRANCIS M. WOODWARD, 48, of Easthampton, MA, on July 4, 1995.

1976
JAMES W. GRIFFIN, 41, of Hamden, CT, on May 9, 1995. The owner and president of J.W. Griffin and Associates of Hamden since 1993, Mr. Griffin was formerly with Eastern Steel & Metal Co. (1976-89) and then became director of marketing and sales for Ilva USA, Inc. (1989-93). Sales volume for the U.S. market increased from $3.5 million to $62 million under his direction. Survivors include his wife, Elizbeth (Paradis); sons Eamon and Kiernan Griffin; daughter Cameron Griffin; five brothers, three sisters, and his mother, Mary Lou McDonagh Griffin.

1997
KENNETH L. BARISONEK, 21, of Bedminster, NJ, on May 8, 1996. An economics major at Middlebury, he was an avid skateboarder, and a member of Zeta Theta Phi. Survivors include his parents, Lawrence J. and Barbara Ann Schultz Barisonek, and a brother, Steven O. Barisonek.

1999
SCOTT A. MARGOLIN, 19, of Woodcliff Lake, NJ, on June 5, 1996, as the result of a car accident in New Mexico. An environmental studies major, he was involved in EQ and the Mountain Club, as well as being intrumental in planning earth week on campus. He is survived by his parents, Kenneth L. and Maureen Matalon Margolin, as well as a brother, Ryan Margolin.

LANGUAGE SCHOOLS

1941
MARY MARGARET MASTRIANNI, M.A. French, 90, of Mechanicville, NY, on April 4, 1996. She taught languages in the Mechanic-ville school system and served as high school principal from 1955 until her retirement in 1969.

1958
HELEN E. FARREN, M.A. French, 83, of Lancaster, PA, on March 19, 1996. Miss Farren taught languages until her retirement in 1977.

1963
SUE A. FINES, M.A. French, 55, of Oswego, NY on May 18, 1996. She was a resident director in Moscow for the SUNY undergraduate, graduate, and faculty exchange.

STAFF OBITUARY

MARGARET KEELER SMITH, 75, of Long Key, FL, formerly of Ripton, VT, on March 27, 1996. Mrs. Smith and her husband, Ryder Smith, were the resident caretakers at the Bread Loaf Campus of Middlebury College from 1967 until their retirement 12 years ago. Mr. Smith died in February 1995.

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Letters

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ined the etchings with one of the magnifying glasses provided. Two days later, leaving our teenagers on the slopes, my husband and I attended the noontime lecture on Dürer given by the assistant professor of art, Kymberly Pinder, which was followed by a German meal in Rehearsals Café downstairs. It was a perfect day for this German major and Dürer enthusiast. Since our goal had been the Snow Bowl, we might easily have missed this delightful opportunity! Would it be possible for the magazine to list in advance the important cultural offerings on campus for those of us returning to Middlebury?

Sigrid Roggenkamp Falt '84
Basking Ridge, New Jersey

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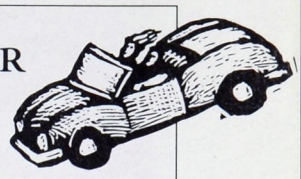

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28-9/1 Alumni College XXI, Bread Loaf

SEPTEMBER

6-7 Gordon C. Perine Alumni Golf, Middlebury
8 Baseball/Camden Yards, DC/Baltimore
11 Broadway Comedy, NYC
21 Revolution Soccer, Boston
20-22 Fall Family Weekend I
25 Literary Evening, Jay Parini, NYC
27-29 Alumni Leadership Conference, Middlebury

OCTOBER

1 Faculty Lecture, Grace Spatafora, San Francisco
5-6 Homecoming Weekend, Middlebury
7 Faculty Lecture, Eric Davis, San Francisco
11-13 Chinese Language Schools Reunion, Middlebury
25-27 Fall Family Weekend II

NOVEMBER

10-27 Alumni Tour, South Pacific, Bob Churchill

DECEMBER

3 Holiday Reception, Pres. McCardell, NYC

For information about events, call the Alumni Office at (802) 388-3711, ext. 5183.

Memory Book

From the archives of the College and the attics of alumni and friends come fascinating relics of Middlebury history. These scrapbooks and other memorabilia are being organized by the Middlebury College Museum of Art and will be exhibited during the College's Bicentennial in 2000. If you have, or know of, objects that might be relevant to this project, contact JoAnn Keeler at 802-388-3711, ext. 5235.

Photo above: The scrapbook of Earle E. Haskins '22

"Oh, it's rap-rap-rap"

Canes were carried by young and old, in the best Middlebury tradition. Top left: waiting in the shade for the procession to begin. Center: Adrienne Littlewood Delaney '57, flanked by President McCardell and Howard Fauntroy '89, leads the procession. Top right: Jan Eldridge Day '41, who, with her late husband Frank, both long and continuous supporters of the College, was honored by the naming of the student center. Bottom left: Rowland Illick, professor of geography from 1946 to 1986, and his wife Edith. Bottom right: Lawrence Pierce '21, attending his 75th reunion.

Photographs by Erik Borg and Owen Stayner

A happy din rose in Mead Chapel on a sunny Saturday in June when a reunion crowd of some two thousand alumni and friends marched in class by class. When the 50th Reunion class, the Class of 1946, arrived, the din became a roar as people pounded their canes on the old wooden floors. A downright thundering of canes ensued when Lawrence Pierce arrived. Pierce, the lone representative of the Class of '21, was celebrating his 75th Reunion, and he walked proudly and vigorously down the aisle, accompanied by President McCardell.

Ironically, the crowd pounded so loudly that although College organist Emory Fanning played the song "Gamaliel Painter's Cane," few could hear it above the tapping canes. When the song was written by E. Pruda Harwood Wiley '12, it struck a receptive chord and from that time forward every freshman (until the sixties) sang the song on innumerable occasions. The whole College is singing it still.

But song or no song, canes were everywhere. As nearly anyone who has had even a fleeting acquaintance with the College knows, canes have a special meaning at Middlebury. There is, of course, the king of canes, once owned by Middlebury founder and benefactor Gamaliel Painter, which President McCardell carries as the College mace. But this year President McCardell began a new tradition: all alumni were awarded canes at their reunion celebration and all graduating seniors received canes along with their diplomas.

Canes have also been involved in a rather odd chapter in Middlebury's history, according to David Stameshkin, the author of two books about the College. During the late 19th century, if a freshman (still considered wet behind the ears) had the audacity to bring a cane into chapel, the sophomores felt it was their duty to relieve him of it by any means necessary. A "cane rush" ensued—which is a charming, historical term for a brawl. Once in 1879, two consecutive cane rushes resulted in a full-scale student walkout after students were punished. They refused to apologize, they refused to attend class, and when they were told to go home, they refused to leave. Eventually all parties came to a compromise solution, but not before the national press picked up the story.

Today the reputation of the cane has improved considerably: graduating seniors carry them with pride, alumni pound them with gusto, and members of the Middlebury family who establish a planned gift with the College or who put Middlebury in their will become members of the Gamaliel Painter Cane Society. ■

We have returned after five years
As we have done every five
Since we wore those bright young faces
That tilted up in the June graduation sun.

And at our first, the 5th, we practically
Ran up the hill to take our seats
In Mead Chapel, waiting for the old timers
To walk or shamble in, look around and smile.

We applauded them, not as tall as they
Once were, a little bent over and lined.
We stomped for the men and women celebrating
Their 25th—oh, it seemed so far away.

Each group, older, their numbers diminished,
Their gazes less radiant, less ardent,
The Strength of the Hills a little more distant,
Graying as the snows that come with Vermont winters.

And today at the procession's end, he's there,
The lone survivor of the Class of '21,
Striding jauntily down the center aisle, waving,
Sharp in his sports jacket, savoring it all.

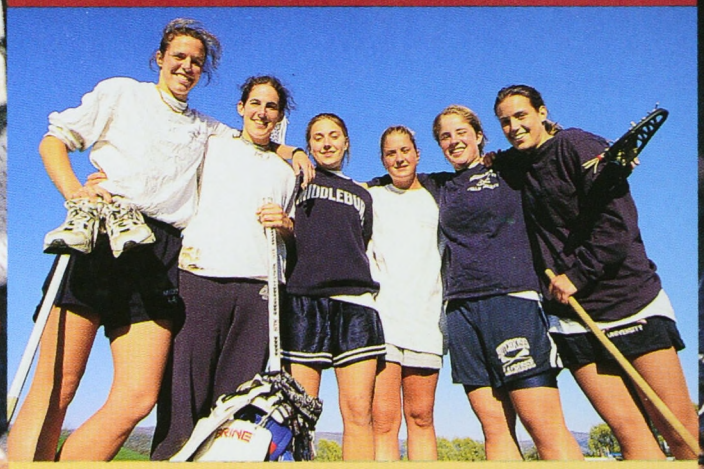
And for him, we stand the longest and cheer
The loudest, wondering if we'll ever see him again.
We listen to President McCardell welcome us, each class,
Extol the college we love, ticking off our histories.

At cocktails Friday night, we gasp inwardly
When we observe our classmates, knowing only
Too well we are staring at ourselves.
We sigh as we learn who will never come back again.

We hug and kiss and talk, feeling the warmth
Of all these years; we vow continued contact
But accept it will be five years from now,
Hoping most of us will return to see each other again.

Donald Everett Axinn '51

Lax Facts



Middlebury lacrosse teams dazzled fans en route to the NCAA tournament. The women's team advanced to the national championship, and the men's team made its first-ever tournament appearance.